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New York
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Daniel Crommelin & Sons Amsterdam
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Ryberg & Co. Copenhagen recommended by
Law & Smith's Gottenburgh. Minturn & Champlin

Rec.d of Mess.rs Tarlades & Co. of St Ubes £200 Stg at the exchange of 67 p.r being Seven hundred Eleven Mil one hundred eleven Rea in virtue of a letter of Credit on same to my order by Mess.rs Tho.s Dickason & Co. of London dated the 7.th march last given to me at the request of W.m B Rotch of New Bedford in the US of America but at that time finding himself at Carmarthen in wales & for which sum I have given my Bill of this day date at 30 dys St on St Mess.rs T D & Co. payable to the order above mentioned Mess.rs Tarlades & Co. & further promice to reimburce s.d sum of £200 Stg or the value thereof to W.m Rotch Jn.r of New Bedford above mentiond or to his order pledging for the same sum the ship called the Fair Lady of Barton under my command as likewise her cargo of Salt being now ready to depart for this Port bound to Boston having affirm.d to five rec.ts of the same tenor and date At Ubes the Twenty first day of may 1798 Signed Silas Ewers Master

£200 Stg

Proforma a/c Sales of 139 Casks Greenland Whale at Voz.r

139 Casks 2.ty 3688 Steckan or 78 p.r Tons @ 60/ p.r 6 Stecks C/ 3688 0

Agio 2 p.r Cent ... 6400.11
B/ 30479.5

Charges Voz.r

Insur.: Town Duty 1/2 p.r Cent ... B/ 381.0 - 381.0

Boatage on receiving 187 139 Measuring 4 Brls 6 p.r 6 Stick 230. @ 3 69.8

Coop.r Delivering, drink money. 2 p.r 278 Warehouse rent 6 p.r Pone 698 - 347.8

@ 18 p.r 6 Agio ... 717.11 60.10

Insurance ag.st fire 1/2 p.r Cent 38.2 Commiss.n & delbredere 3 p.r 914.6 - 952.8 1941.2

B/ - 28538.3

Ex @ 37/ £54 ... 2056.16.1

78 p.r Tons @ £24.6 £ 54 2056.12.0

All charges abt 6 p.r p.r Cent -

6 Stick: measure is one Barrel or 1/3 of an Eng.d Ton of 252 Gall.s -

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Respected Friend New Bedford 1mo 17. 1796

Thomson Peters Bonar & Co.

Orr. by Ship Minerva Capt. Gardner
Duplicate sent via Boston

We had the pleasure of writing you on last triplicate of which we now forward you to which we refer you for our intention relative to our Ship Minerva — we have now to acknowledge the rec't of your several obliging favours bearing date Vizt 23 Jan.y 27 Feb.y 24 April 19 & 29 may 1-9-16 & 29 June 7 Aug.t & 14th Sept.r all which have reached us in Safety & we are much oblig.d by your punctuality & attention to our correspon=dence, which kept us regularly advis'd of the State of your market —

Capt.n Kempton did not arrive untill 24th 1mo (nov.r) after a very tedious passage of 130 days from Petersburg & loosing 2 of his Sailors by a sea the night before he got in — His long detent.n in Spain in Petersburg & in his passage by multiplying his expences & the fall of Linseed Oil owing to the great quantitys im=ported & the fall of Linseed in Ireland has occasiond his Voyage to prove unfortunate to the adventurers & comeing so late in the season there is very little market in the winter — we were not aware of your selling Oil by weight as it goes here always by gauge & a ton weight of oil of the kinds we use much exceeds a ton in measure & the Casks being of so equal size made bad Stowage we are however glad there was no more as it will not pay us a freight the Casks also came lighter than we expected with other charges upon them it we soon regretted we had ordered so much — dont we feard to have perishable goods in a single deck'd Vessell

2 the 200 pieces of Flems arrived in good season & proved much to our advantage & the thinnest kind proved equally as saleable as the other — Capt Webber also brought safe the 6 bales sheet out of Kempston & the Russia Duck & Iron hoops came out in tolerable order considering the length of his passage, the delay in purchasing the Sail Cloth prov'd advantagious from its fall, but the high price of hoop Iron renders it improper to import from Russia as our mills now roll it in great plenty & when manufactured 50 p.r Cent more duty than Iron in Bars we are also pleas'd the fall of exchange with you operated so much in our favour — The high price of your produce last year with the quantity brought to this Country the scarcity of money & general Stagnation of our Commerce was a great discouragement to the importations last year and several of thes circumstances still remaining altho the imports have been very small this year yet they do not find a very ready sale — we however hope altho the prospect of a peace with england has been quite Eclipsed, yet the improbability of much naval preparations is so clear that the prices will still decline an that another adventure will prove more profitable — we are much oblig'd by you information of the mode calculating the Hamburg Exchange & also for your information relative to your market for Coffee Sugar Salt & fish — we have been duly inform'd from T D & Co of the ballance you remitted to them for our Acct & we found your Acct Current free from Error & have Clos'd the transaction on our books — Cravening your reference to another letter on the Minervas Cargo

We are &c

To Thomson Peters Bonar & Co. Inv. 18 1798
arr. by Ship Minerva
Duplicate sent via Boston

We did ourselves the plea
sure to write you, under yesterdays date, by the
present Conveyance, to which we beg leave to refer
you for our late transactions. This goes by the
Minerva Capt. Gardner, who is now loaded with
a Cargo of Oil for Bremen, to the address of
Frederick Delius, to whom we have Consigned
for our own Acct. in Oil. whale Bone Coffee &
Indigo, sufficient we apprehend to procure us
what Cr you will stand in need of, to complete
the Minerva's Cargo, having upwards of
5,000 ℔ Good green Coffee & 1800 ℔ Spanish
Indigo from N Orleans, wh., we are told is
very good of the kind, we shall request our
frd Delius to Consult you respecting the
Market at Petersburg, informing the Value
with them, & if you think fit for one or
both to go up in the Ship to continue
them on board, if there will be time to
hear frm you before the Ship leaves Bremen.

Out of this Cargo we calculate for you
to avail yourselves of ~~£2000 or £3000 Stg~~ 20,000 Roubles either
by drafts on Frederick Delius for the whole
or frm the Coffee & Indigo to go forward
to you & the residue on him, this w.d £1000
on London £1000 on G Smith & Co or Tubbert
& Dumas of Hamburg, & abt £100 Stg on the
latter to each of whom we have respectively
writing, we think will be as much as we
shall remit on our Acct. Capt. Gardner
has the direction of Ju of the Ship & 3/4
being our property we have only to provide
to fill that he will provide for ℔ of what
Iron is found Neccesary for the Safety of
the Ship & we are to provide the residue
we shall state to you our wishes for
the part we are to fill observing that

4 if old Sable Iron continues at more than
R2 to have no more Iron than to make
the Ships safe wh we suppose may not
be more than 500 or 60 Tons if filld with
hemp if more heavy ~~articles~~ Goods offers
less perhaps may answer, if freight should
present for Boston or N. York we leave Capn
Gardner to consult with you relative thereto
& in that case we with no more than
30 or 40 tons of hemp & the residue laid
out in said Cloath Ravens Duck & Flems
most of the latter as they are most saleable
should the Ships take such a freight,
please also send us only 8 or 10 bds, the
Skins may be omitted & for all the flem
we prefer the kind you sent us last
at 13 1/2 Rs if you can procure them and
we have they will not be higher &
We rely entirely upon your Judgment
in making the purchases & drawing
the bills whenever you think it may
prove most to our advantage recom-
mending every attention to facilitate
Capn Gardner being speedily dispatched.
as we wish him to be one of the first
Ships out of the Baltic should you be
able to ship 100 pr Flems by a Ship
to Boston or Salem as early or earlier
than Capn Gardner we request you to
do it addressd to our frd Wm Dean Merchan
Salem & To avoid detention we leave you
at liberty to vary the Articles so as to come
as near to our orders as you can & loose
no time in dispatching the Ships &
Perhaps before Capn Gardner arrives you
will be able to make a judgment of
the probability of procuring £100 or 500 Stg
freight to Boston or N York as less will not
be worth going out of our Course for

and govern yourselves accordingly in making provision to have the Cargo ready — You will be particular to have the Ships fill'd if it is necessary to increase the quantity of Hemp & Lepon those goods of most Value — And we solicit your attention to have as little expence upon the invoices as possable as they always appear to us very high

You will please send by Capt Gardner an invoice of his Cargo — Whenever you can command the Hemp seed we shall be glad to have a small cask of it

We are &c.

To Wolf — or to the parents of Martin Oslam late a Seaman on board the Schooner Eliza Capt Hempton from the Baltick for this port —

We are sorry to have to convey to you the affecting intelligence of the loss of your Sonn who doubtless you heard from at Elsignore, from that passage place they had a long passage of 103 days & on the night of the 23 of June near Long Island they met a heavy gale of wind when Martin with 2 others going out to hand the Jib the Vessel pitch'd 3 times into the Seas & the 3d time he & one more J De Coast of this Town were wash'd off the bolt sprit poor Martin was seen no more, but De Coast caught a rope, yet the exertions of the men who had hold of him for several minuits in a cold storm were not sufficient to save him & he fell from their numb hands & was also drowned this melancholy event happened Yesterday 12 at night & the next evening the Schooner arrived here — tho we never had seen Martin he having entered on board the Vessell at Bilboa yet from the character given by

6 the Captain we have been much affected at his loss & feel much concerned on Account of the loss to you & We have taken care of his property which consists of goods he brought at Rupia & a large portion of wearing apparel which we shall sell on the best terms & remit the Amt as you may direct as soon as we can hear from you & can receive sufficient documents to clear us of demands of all others the formalityes necessary to be observed your frd can hint you in a way to transmit let them come in English as we are unacquainted with your language & we have not made any calculations of the Amt of the Property but think it will be between $100 & $200 you may rely upon strict justice being done & true acct forword them

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To David Anthony

Weare &c

Nov 7. 1797

We are favourd with thine of 12 Inst & are obliged by thy paying the two sums we desird which are placed to thy Cr as also $30 drawn in favour of Thos Howard Jr & we have again been under necessity of Drawing upon thee under yesterdays date in favr of J Rogers for $160 which we shall oblige by thy honouring We hope thou will be able to sell the Linseed Oil & give us encouragement to send us more Can thou sell a few Casks of best Whale Oil & how much we want it for net us $1 p Gl Delano is full or thou'd of sent some more

Weare &

To Frederick Delius 1mo 18 - 1798 7

org by Ship Minerva
duplicate sent via Boston — 3.

Having had a small acquaintance with thy Brother Ever[d] Delius, we are favourd with thy address, and rec[d] his encouragement to send our Ship Minerva Cap[t] Jered Gardner with a Cargo, principally of Southern Whale Oil, about 200 tons Cap[t] Gardner having directions of one quater of the Ship partly in his own right, has the consignment of abt 45 tons, besides our own we have recommend to our particular friends & connections S Roth & S Harard Jr to address the remainder of the Cargo to thee, being satisfied from the respectability recommendations we have had of thy respectability & Correspondence may prove of Mutual advantage, they this Business of our town being principally the South Sea Whale Fishery we have little else to export except Sperm & Whale Oil & Whale Bone (or Fins) and should yan Market prove a Successfull Market so long as we keep a Ship in the Baltic Trade it will be Convenient to us to have a freight, so far to the North of Europe, on this Subject we shall be pleas'd with thy frequent advice to govern our future calculations both with respect to the prospect of Sale for those articles as also of Coffee Sugar Tobacco & Rice together with a probability of a freight to any part Europe should we send a Ship out early next fall to occupy the time previous to her going into the Baltic & should thou incline hereafter to ~~this~~ have any Oil Ship'd from this Country on thy own

8 Account we can frequently do it on
better terms than can be done in Boston
that Market being almost wholely supplied
with that article from this place &
Nantucket which latter place is only
20 leagues from this place & a Constant
communication is kept up by regular
Packets — we would however observe that
from the great expence attending our
distant whale Voyages & the low price whale
Oil is sold at the last season our Ships
are mostly gone into the Pacifick Ocean
for Sperm Oil the probability is therefore
that from the small quantity of Whale
Oil that will be next year at Market-
it may be higher untill a general Peace
shall reduce Provisions & other Articles
to use in the fishery to more moderate
prices — Shall that however will do
make use of our services than may
rely upon our best endeavours to serve
thy interests By the Minerva we
have shipd thee as p inclosed invoice
a Bill Lading 246 Casks very good whale
Oil about 30,000 ℔ Whale Bone 5400 ℔
Coffee 1800 ℔ Spanish Indigo —
The Whale Bone from the present years
fishery is now mostly exported & we
have no prospect of any large supplies
another year, which we mention to
govern thy Calculation respecting the
Sales & we flatter ourselves it will give
us a handsome profit — The Coffee we
fear will not all prove of the best quality
for your Market it not knowing all

of a bright green Colour but we think what we have seen of it is good — The Indigo is highly recommended to us but it being an article we have not dealt in we cannot say from our own judgment, it is from New Orleans & we hope will turn out well of the Coffee & Indigo we have writing to our Frds J P Bonar & Co of Peterburg & desird them to give thee, their judgment relative to their Value thro' & if they can inform thee before the Minerva leaves Bremen & thou thinks it most to our Interest to, let it go up the Ship we leave thee at liberty to do it but we apprehend the Coffee will do best with you — We have also sent 2 Boxes of whale Bone neatly manufactured for Umbrellas with the view of trying the Market thy attention in finding its Value & given thy judgment of its Sale will much oblige us — We wish to avail ourselves of the proceeds of this Cargo at Peterburg for the purpose of Loading the Minerva there this season & we hope thou will be able to sell the whole of our Consignment so as to meet the drafts of J P Bonar & Co by the time they fall due, without thy being in advance for our Account. but if the State of your Market should prove this impracticable we must ~~endeavour~~ solicit thy advancing thereupon as far as thou art willing, yet if the property should be unsold we with for no more than 200000 Rs & we request thou will give immediate

notice to our said frd at Petersburg what Sum they may Value upon thee for
We shall be oblig'd by thy giveing us distinct Sales of Whale Bone & of each of the Small Parcels of Oil the 22d Casks of Oil mark'd A the Indigo Coffee 2 boxes Whale Bone may be comprehended in one Sales and shall be pleased with thy given us early information of thy prospects of the Cargo also whether you have any demand for Sperm Oil & what price it will bear with us it is now £200 pr Ton On Closing the Sales & if the whole is not drawn from Petersburg we request thee to remit the Ballance to Our frd Thos Dickason & Co London for Our Acct

We are &c

P.S. ~~I now~~ while contemplating the Minerva going either to Hamburg or Bremen, we wrote G Smith & Co requesting them to leave a letter with thee for Capt Gardner advising the State of their Market shands that reach them we have instructed him to take into view the additional expence that will attend going to Hamburg & act in Concert with thy Advice having the market at Bremen will promise advantage sufficient to go no further
Should it however be thy Advice to go to Hamburg for the want of Sale at Bremen we request thee to forward our Invoices to to our said frd G Smith & Co
We request you will dispatch Capt Gardner as speedily as possable

We are as before

We hand thee invoice of 6 Casks Sperm.ª Oil fit for winter use 35 Boxes Sperm.ª Candles & 20 prs Ravens Duck amounting to $1257.67 the Oil being of the purest kind we flatter ourselves it will command a price so as to net us 90 cc of all Charges $1 but rather than have it left in Charlestown shall prefer it being sold at $1 there & the Candles & Duck we wish sold so as to net us 110 pr ℔ for Candles & $19 pr pc for Duck which are our Cash price for them here & get pay for the Boxes if they will not fetch these prices we wish thou would leave them with Harard & Syrault to dispose of for our account

The Scarcity of Cash is so great that for the sake of money & having the money when thou returns induces us to put them at the above prices with the addition of what charges may here after but hope thou will be able to obtain more

We are &c.

We remain Thy Friends

Signed William Rotch Jun.r & C.o

Letter Book W Rotch Jun.r & C.o

To Thomas Dickason & Co^ Inno 22 - 98.

Org by this Minerva
Duplicate

We wrote you last on 11mo1 & requested your liberty to our Petersburg frd to Value upon you for £1000 when they found it advantageous to our Interest to draw & have requested Brothers De Bauque to remit you that sum which we have no doubt they will do in season — We have now the pleasure of acknowledging the rec^d of your Several obliging favrs 22 & 31 Aug^t 19 Sep^r & are pleas'd to find you have rec^d £1014.7.1 from Forbs & that Cap^n Swains letter has reach'd you & that you have Authority thereby to place to Our Cr for Acct J.R £116.6 & J.H jr £222.6 Since which Cap^n Swain informs us you have rec^d £600 & that he has requested you would place Abt £150 to their Cr, all which you will please to recollect is evidently to be transferd to our Cr as also part of a remaining £1000 he's yet expecting from Dunkirk all which we hope will finally find its way to our Acct — We are Oblig'd by you honouring Cap^n Kemptand Draft on Eleonore for £33.2.6 which is duly placed to your Cr & we have added to your Dr £187.10.8 remitted you from the Petersburg Hause — The Elira arrived after a tedious passage of 16 3/4 dys from Elsinore in our letter of 10mo 16 we forwarded you a Bill on Sam^l Bayard for £1019.13.2 and at same time drew upon you in favour of Mildred & Allen for £75 — And on the 20 Ult^o in favour of W.L Wall for £20 which we hope have duly reach'd you we Shall further draw by this conveyance in favour of Mildred & Allen at 30 dys for £1134.11.5 which we request you will honour —

If you have not placed any part of the Draft from Petersburg to the Acct of Wm Roteh & Sons

agreeable to their Advice we request you will place only £1000 to their Debit that being their J Rodmans proportion of remittance for that adventure but if you have place more doubtless we shall soon receive your Acct Curt & will be guided by that & settle the Matter here Accordingly — we gain no intelligance yet fm Capt Hawes Shand he reach Bilboa in Safety we have a prospect of his reaching a very good Market for his Oil we hope he will be able to remit you £2000 or more for our Acct but we fear the untiappy war between Spain & England will put it out of his power he had in Contemplation to go from Bilboa to Liverpool in which case it is probable he will take the Amt with him & remit fm there he is in a Small Brig Called the Mars Shand you hear from him we shall be obliged by you Communicateing it to us — Our J Rodman & Ourselves are Jr Concerned in an Adventure in the Sloop Prudence E Rupell Master now abt Sailing from Nantucket for Genoa who has orders to remit the Amt of this Cargo to you abt £2000 Stg Jn of which will be for our Acct of which we shall be pleas'd to hear, the risk we consider great fm the Partial Conduct of the Cruizers in the Mediteranian but have Insur'd the property against all risks at 10 p Cent

The Ship Prince Coleman belonging to Phila has recently arriv'd fm the Pacific Ocean with abt 225 Tons Sperm Oil and bringing an Acct of 9 Sail of British Whaleman being Cantoned in that Ocean with Abt 700 Tons Sperm Oil we apprehend this Acct will increase the demand for that Article at your Market of which we have to gain early information from you & the fleet in general fm this Port having been successfull from the Indian Seas we have now in the Market 2475 Tons Sperm

Oil & head Matter 400 tons of it is in our families
hands 200 tons of which we intend to ship
to you in the Spring provided the aspect of
Public Affairs will warrant the prudence there of
Oil is now worth $200 & head Matter $300 but for
the Captures of the English Vessells it must of
fallen as we Cannot ship it to your Market
without its Costing us abt £75 should it get
up to £85 or 90 it will do well — we should
prefer sending it later but we want to get
it out & avail ourselves of part of the property
as the Scarcity of Money is so great on this side
it is almost impossible to Continue our Busi-
ness — It is with great reluctance we ever
ask any of our frds to advance for us, but we shall
be much obliged by your liberty to draw £2 or £3000
when we ship that property which we shall
either have insured here or write to you to have
it done — We also have to ask your patronage
and aid of our future Russia business, as we
frequently want £1 or £2000 to lay out in the
winter when it may not be Convenient to
depart our funds so early but if you are
pleased to grant us that indulgence you
may be assured that we shall never run
any imprudent risks whereby our frds will
be endangered but the moveing of property
has become so slow in this Country that
without great contraction of Business, it is very
difficult to go out of a very small way, we however
have not met with so much at Sea but we have enaught at
to exhonerate every Demand upon us —
For this years Cargo we have made ample
provisions with the £1000 alluded to in the
foregoing & we hope not to want any aid next
year if our Oil arrives safe to your Market —

It will however be a relief to us if you see your-
Selves Clear to have you Standing liberty to avail
ourselves of a Cr with you for £2000 or £3000 when
we see a way of making an advantageous Ship-
ment to Europe & of speedily returning the money
again into your hands but we wish it not
unless you feel ~~perfectly~~ quite free in granting it
Inclosed we hand you a list of the Ships Captured
on the P Ocean this goes by Capt Clark of the
Levant who came home passenger in the Siren & now
takes passenger in the Minerva

To Wm Adamson

Wm Are & Co.
Dec 31 98

Thy obliging favour AB

Wm AB to our WR Jr came duly to hand and
we were at one time in hopes of sending the Ship
to Hamburg but one of our neighbours receiving a
letter from Hamburg with a price current Dated
5 Oct which stated oil at 50 Rs it determined the
choice of the shippers to try the Bremen mar-
ket first it is however ordered that if your market
will do better it may go there — the Ship Sailed
this morning with 200 Tons Whale Oil 30,000 Whale bone
5000 Green coffee & 1800 D Orleans Indigo — We are
much obliged by thy information of the State
of the Market for Coffee as also thy offer of taking
a concern with us in 100,000 D Coffee which
should willingly concur in but for our having
so much property at Sea we deem it imprudent
to increase the risk untill the present shade
is removed when the spring opens if any thing
of that kind can be done prudently we shall
be willing to avail ourselves thereof & if thou
hears any think of importance from your
market particularly relative to oil we shall
be pleas'd to hear of it

We are &c

16 To Lubbert & Dumas 1mo 22 . 1798
org by Ship Minerva Since our last of 10mo 30
Duplicate
we are without any of your favours, at that time
we mentiond our having some expectation of
some remittance being made to you. both from
Spain & France the event of neither of them
have we heard, The Bill Dunkin on Hussey
for 7/4/6 Crowns & if Brothers De Bauque have
remitted to you £1000 Stg more or less we request
you will authorize our frd S P Bonar & Co of Peters
to draw for such sums but if Capt John Howes
makes you any remittance for our Acct from
Bilboa or Elsewhere we shall avail ourselves
thereof by Drafts on you. We have been a little
disapointed in not receiving any letters from you
in reply to our 2 letters dated 10mo 24. 1796 & 8mo 24
1797 requesting your advise relative to your Markets
for Oil Whale Bone &c as also what advanke you
would be willing to make on property we should
Ships to you upon which we founded a hope of
more advantageous Correspondents to our mutual
~~Advantage~~ profit, but not hearing from you upon
these Subjects & receiving liberal encouragement
from Other Quarters we have been obliged from necessity
to avail ourselves thereof & we however yealded
to that necessity with reluctance ~~to avail ourselves thereof~~ having no
good satisfaction in the few Negociations you
have made for our Acct & that of our U & Co

To George Smith & Co We are &c
Org by Ship Minerva 1mo 22 98
Craveing reference to
our former letters dated 1mo 3. & 8mo 15 we have
now to inform you that the Ship Minerva
Capt Gardner is now ready for Sea having on board
200 tons Whale Oil 13 tons Whale bone & a few
thousand weight of Coffee & Indigo, bound

to Bremen under orders to Consult our frd F Delius there upon the Advice Capt Gardner may receive from you & to proceed as may appear best for our Interest having on our own Acct only 800 or 90 tons of Oil 13 tons of Whale Bone 5/100 ℔ Coffee & 1800 ℔ Indigo we have submitted to the preference of the freighters in Stopping at Bremen first Shand She Ultimately go to Hamburg more than ⅔ of the Cargo will go to you, & upon the rest of it we request you will authorize our frds F P Bonar & Co of Peterd to draw upon you for what you are willing to Advance upon our particular property — Shands Brothers De Bauque have requested you to authorize the Petersburg House to draw £1000 Stg we expect they will reimburse you having made arrangements therefor — Our Whale Fishery promises so little Common Whale Oil & Whale Bone that we apprehend little will go to your Market after this for the Ensuing year that we hope you will be able to find a good Market for Bath if it goes to you —

We Shall be pleas'd to hear from you how your market continues for Whale & hope our future Correspondence may tend to our mutual benifit

We are &c

To Brothers De Bauque

Org by this Minerva

Duplicate

1mo 22 - 98

Since our last of 10 mo 30 we are without any of your esteemed favours in that letter we requested your aid to procure us a C. in Petersburg for abt £1000 Stg on G Smith & Co of Hamburg & £1000 Stg on J D & Co London for a Considerable part of which we hope you are remburssed by the Sperm Oil we Shipd you by Capt Hussey via N York

by the Federal George David Coleman
fm Nantucket, and Should they arrive safe
we are more in advance for yam Acct that
Sufficient to make up the Sum, we had however
hoped to of Shipd Property to George Smith & Co
Hamburg to require no advance fm yam but
for the proceeds of the Bill in this we have been
disappointed Our Ship Minerva Capt Jered Gardner
having taken a freight for Bremen we have
not been able to Ship More by her than
Sufficient to make up our Petersburg Cargo —

We however have no doubt of yam readiness
to serve our Interest in this respect, & presume
we may rely with confidence thereupon, from
the repeated offers yam have made us —

We can do nothing with Coffin untill yam
papers Come to hand — we hear part of the
Insurance upon the Sum has been rec^d & hope
the whole will be obtain'd — The Ship Sum
Coleman has returnd last m^th fm the P Ocean
with 225 tons Sperm Oil which yet bears a high
price with us Oil is $200 pr ton & Head matter
$300 pr ton 9 Sail of English Whalemen have
been Captured in the different Ports of Peru
& Chilli having gone into Ports to recruit
ignorant of the war — this will doubtless
effect the Market in England & we hope befice
fm yam we Shall be also encouraged to Ship
Some more to Dunkirk the ensuing Spring
having now Abt 400 tons on hand in our family

We have been once much alarmd for
Capt Hussey's Safety fm the report of a Ship
answering the discription of the Suffolk being
being seen a wreck, but we have ascertain'd
that she was seen too early to admit of any
Possibility of it being the Same Ship —

Peter Revenier a frenchman fm whose father
you forwarde a letter has lately arrived fm D Bay
in the Sarah Capt Handy 11 mts absence with
550 Bb Sperm & 1800 Bb Whale Oil & he has
promised us to send his father 100 Crowns
when his Voyage is settled but we fear he
will spend it we shall however use our
Influence to get it if possable He promises
us to write by this Conveyance to his father

Weare &c.

To Jared Gardner Nov 22 1798

Thau being master of
the Ship Minerva we recommend thy
useing every dilligence in the Speedy execution
of thy Voyage to Bremen Petersburg & Back
to the United States & to this Port Observing
all possable economy & Consulting our Interest
in every respect — on thy arrival at Bremen
we expect thau will find a letter fm G & Co
of Hamburg informing of the State of the
Market there & also what advances they
will make upon the Cargo deposited with
them, and what prospect they see of any
freight to Petersburg after knowing there
circumstances together with the difference in
in the expence of the Ship between dis-
charging at Bremen or Hamburg thau
will be guided by the advice of our Frd
J Delius & proceed as he & thyself may
think most for our Interest

Be very watchfull of the Coffee & Indigo
to see that it is not exposed to wet
& also very carefull in handling the Indigo
while in Bags that it be not wasted
& we advise unless it is immeadiately
sold that Cloath Casks be provided & have

it all started into them otherwise we may suffer much loss — We expect thee to receive the whole freight in British Sterling which take with thee in Bills or otherwise as thou may think best to Petersburg & there lay it out at thy discretion for the joint Acct of the owners of the Ship or according to their particular orders, which latter we prefer, and for Our 3/4 we recommend thy bringing us as per annexd order, or vary if thou may think most for our Interest We have omitted ordering any Ra Duck from our Frd S P Bonar & Co who will furnish our 3/4 of the Cargo reserving the ravens Duck for thee to purchase for our 3/4 we hope thou will be able to ecognore so well as to have more than £500 Stg to lay out for our Acct — Can Hempton bought good Porter Casks last year for 2 Roubles if thou can find them cheap we advise taking them to put the Beds in & fill the fore Peak with them as will defend them from the wet & keep the Ship light forward —

Thy experience will teach thee to take due Care in Stowing the perishable articles as safe as possable from wet — and we wish thee to omit no opportunity to write us also on thy Arrival at Bremen relative to a freight to Boston or York we think £300 Stg will do to go to Boston but not under £400 or £500 to New York

We are &c

To Elihu Russelle Inno 26 1798

Thou being Master of our Sloop Prudence we consign to thy care a valuable cargo of Whalebone most of it manufactored for Umbrellas, Stays & Whips, which from the information we have rec'd from these & others we expect will find a very good market at Genoa, where we advise thy making trial & at such other ports as thou may think best — we request thy particular attention to the kind & manner of cutting that sells best at that market, also make thyself aquainted with the quantity that will annually find a sale there & we hope thou will be able to gain information of other markets in the mediteranian for more of this article of all which we request thou will give us early information by any Vessell bound to the US States that we may make use of the opportunity of procureing another Cargo before it be so generally known as for us to be intercepted in the plan — Should the depredations continue upon our Commerce in the Mediteranian we conceive the risque will be great in coming out as well as going in — we have therefore concluded best to have abt the Value of the Cargo out remitted in good bills of exchange to London to our Frd T Dickason & Co Merchants there be very carefull in taking the best advise from respectable Merchants & Brokers wherever thou takes bills, that the drawers are good & if possable have likewise good indorsers & forward the bills the first & second of each set by seperate letters to T D & Co advising them thereof also to whare Cr they shall place it — as we shall note at the foot of there orders — we contemplate sufficient profit on the Cargo out, if it answers our expectation

to load the Stock back with such articles as that
country will afford & which thou will be able
to judge will answer for our market a few jars
of best raisings & grapes will be acceptable for
our own use as also a few Boxes best sweet oil
in Flasks & such other fruit as thou may think
best for our market — And as several of the owners
write for no Spirits to be brought on their Ac^t
such as do may give thee particular directions

W^m Rotch^r requests thee to bring him 1 ℔ best
Lucern Seed, which is a kind of grass that has
been much propagated in that Country —
he also wishes ½ doz small grape Vines & ½ doz
fig trees in earth in tubs — which such
other curious plants or Seeds as thou may
think acceptable — Wishing thee a pleasent
Voyage & safe return we are thy fr^d & owners
Remittance to S D & C^o to be placed to the C^r
of W^m Rotch^r Jun^r & C^o Jn

We are &c
for selves
& S Rodman

To James Andrews

Nan^t 26 — 1798.

We rec^d thy obliging
fav^r of 22 this day & have already sent off five
waggons with Boxes Candles p^r annexed invoice
which will not be in town till next fourth
day when we hope thou will be able to sell
them so as to meet the payment to West
if thou can come within 30 or 60 dys perhaps
with thy aid we can have an accommodation
at the Bank of which we shall be glad

It is our intentions to send thee some
more as soon as they are made —
these Candles are of superior Wicks to what
to what we have usually sent & we think
it will be an additional recommendation to
them — We are &c

To Joseph Taylor Nov 29 1798

Our Ship Minerva Gardner

Nat is now ready for Sea & we expect will sail this evining or tomorow Morning She is loaded principally with whale Oil for Bremen, where if she does not find a Market she will probably go to Hamburg, thence to St Petersburg & back to the United States, upon this Ship we wish for $3000 Insurance Vessell & Cargo Valued at $15500 the price we give for her on Barton provided that can have it done at 1½ pr Ct pr Mo against all risks she has a role de Equipage & Consular Certificates to the affirmations of the Cargo being neutral property as the Voyage will be pretty long as the Voyage will be pretty long & we may Calculate for her to be long in ports & the Capt is determined to go and return north of Ireland & Great Brittan we apprehend there will be no difficulty in accomplishing it at that premium Capt Gardner has been several Voyages to thare places in the imploy of John & Richd Codman & is well aquainted & please inform us if the Policy J Rodmans had upon Noon Prudence is fill'd we are Interested in her if the whole sum is not insured please to put down for our Wt $500 or $1000

We are &c

24 To Brothers De Bruyne 1mo 29. 1797
Cap by Minerva
Duplicate

Since our letters by this conveyance we have prevailed upon P Revenier to give us an order for 600 Crowns when his Voyage is settled, & this sum he desires us to remit to his parents you will oblige us by paying them that sum & placing it to our Acct, and Peter is very desirous his father should write him when he receives it of which we shall be glad & request you will promote his writing let it come in yours & we will deliver it as he seems very jelious the money will never reach his parents

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To Evert Delius to the Care of Pettit & Bayrd of Philadelphia

Weare & Co

1mo 31

We had the pleasure of receiving thy obliging favour dated 11mo 6 in due season since which the Minerva has Loaded with 200 Tons Whale Oil 30,000 of whale Bone 5400 lb Coffe & 1800 lb Spanish Indigo for Brewer all consigned to thy brother F Delius except 40 Tons Oil Consigned the Capt whome we have advised not to put it into any other hands on our own Accompt we have Shipd abt 80 Tons Oil all the Bone Coffe & Indigo & have relied upon his advance the upon for 20,000 Rubles to answer our Russia Cargo, our WRJ: brother Thomas Rotch & brother in Law Thomas Hazard Jr both of this place are considerable Shippers of Oil the former 33 Tons & the Latter 41 Tons the last has written thee to gain Liberty to draw £600 ₩ if thou can put him in a way to be accommodated it will oblige him, no conveyance having offerd to order Insurance in Brewer, we hope thoy will both

prove advantageous Correspondents to thy Brother — if thou gains any further information of the value of those articles at Bremen thou will oblige us — J Robt wishes for thy liberty to draw for ⅔ the value when we hear of the Ships arrival — Capt Gardner has sailed this morning & is determind north about — Yrs &c

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To Isaac Hicks 2mo 1 98

Thy 2 favrs of 12 & 22 ult are duly to hand / the latter by this days mail) for the $ Current added to thy former we are oblig'd & intended to have forwarded thee same R Duck by this conveyance but on looking over found we had none to send from our own market we should have ship'd thee same Candles by Capt Rowland also had we had any ready we shall forward some soon which hope thou than will superior to them before sent — Strainge to us that Cunningham was not with you on the 22 hope thou rec'd intelligence fm him shortly after that time — we not what thou says on the Sp Oil contract for thy information thereon we are oblig'd altho the price is less than we expected yet if thou cannot obtain more than 90 Cts $ Gll we we will furnish 5,000 Gll at that price, & pay the freight to N York & thy Comm'on to be delivered in the spring — but still hope thou will be able to do better for us than that as we think the contractors for the publick can very well afford to give 95 Cents if del'd at N York which is the price we furnish the government at last year del'd here much higher the Comm'rs have given for what they purchas'd in Phia if thou can contract for the Oil at a price that will net us 90 Cents here we would engage to furnish 10000 Gll or more if wanted but at present should not like to engage under that

As early information as the result

26 thy conclusion as thou can give us we shall be glad of as we intend shipping it to Europe the coming spring or summer — Our Ship Minerva Capt Gardner sailed yesterday for Bremen any information thou may receive of her we shall be oblig'd by thy communicating & any intelligence of P Hussey, D Coleman Federal George for Dunkirk sailed before Isaiah or Jno J Howes of the B Mars Jno this to Bilboa

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Weare &c

To Moses Swixas 2mo 6. 1798

We shall be much obliged by thy presenting the Inclosed draft Joseph Anthony & Co on Gibbs & Channing at 10 Days sight for $2,000. for Acceptance & when at maturity place the same to our Credit — Should thou be able to advise us when it was accepted by the next mail we shall consider it an additional favour

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Weare &c

To Thos Arnold 2mo 6 98

We are glad to find by thy last that our letter had reach'd thee inclosing the Documents to Bruce Jnone for the Coffee & a draft for $1000 — We now forward thee by G Delano 11 Casks Whale Oil & 10 Boxes of Candles made owing to the weather having been too Cold for Inspecting we Shall hope soon to have some more to send thee & shall be glad to know what quantity of each kind thou will like to have — We sold the Molasses at the cost & charges at 30 days which falls due about about the 20th when we expect to be able to send a Check on Newport Bank — We think 3 or 4 Hhds of good retailing molasses will sell at some price but inferior our Shop keepers will not buy

if thou wishes to send some by agreeing with Delano its probable he will bring for $1 the asking price is $1 25/100 which was all we could get on the 2 Hhds thou sent

we pay the frt on the Oil & Candles

To John Wood

Weare &c

2mo 7 1798

We have shipped by thee two Casks of excellent Linseed Oil gauging 63 & 64 is 127 Gallons, which we value here at a Dollar ⅌ Gallon, it was retailing in Newburn when Capt Stoddard came from there at two Dollars, we leave thee to sell it on the best terms thou canst & wish the to bring us about half in white Beans or good Peas and the other half in Corn

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To John Rogers

Weare &c

2mo 8 . 1798

We duly recd thine of

3 inst & avail ourselves of the very first conveyance to forward the rest of Cattens which are now included in a Box marked J R ps Cat Gideon Delano & which we hope will reach thee in safety the Box we suppose contains 59 ps but find 1 p unaccounted in the Sales we wish thy attention thereto when opened Accts Sales & thy Acct Current will accompany this if time to compleat them also an order on Dr Anthony for $160 And we shall next week have an acceptance due at Newport Bank & propose sending thee a Check for the Ballance

Weare &c

To Wm Macy 2 mo 7 - 1798

We are much oblig'd by the information thou hast given us relative to our Note in the Bank as also for thy kind offer of assisting our negociations there which we shall gladly accept of & shall inclose our note payable to thee for the 2 sums thou mentions but we cannot see how your Discounts are made to make the two sums answer the purpose one $726.75 & the other $255.26 neither do we know if the discounts are paid & nor by whom thou will please inform us & we will gladly put all things right — when S Redman came off here he said he offered to do the needfull but was told thou had the care of the business to see us upon the subject & when we were together we forgot to mention it to thee — M Barney has paid a little matter at Bank for us which we wish applied towards the discount & when we know the sum will order it by our Check — We are &c

first Note $726.75 dated 12mo 22. 1797
second d°.. 255.26 d°.. 12mo 22. 1797

To Leonard & Crocker

2mo 12. 98

We duly rec^d your favour of the 7^th inclosing R^d Delano's order upon us for $125.51 which we now return for want of effects to answer it we retaind it 2 post to give him an opportunity to meet it as he told us he was daily expecting money from Nantucket & the packets have been being detained by contrary winds he has now gone for N York — An order from Jon^a Ferring will be very acceptable and he has noticed to us that as soon as the amo^t is ascertained he will send you an order we suppose it will be for about $300 we are in a distress situation for money & solicit you to send us a little relief — all you possibly can We are &c

To Oziel Wilkinson 2mo 16 - 98

David Jacobs has this day brt us $50 to exchange for paper to send for thee which we now Inclose & He has met with disapointment in not being able to send thee the whole that is due but hopes to do it in a short time as he says nothing will be wanting on his part to effect it & We believe thou may rely upon his activity & best intentions We are &c

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To John Rogers 2mo 17 - 98

We wrote thee on the 6th inst & forwarded thee Sales of thy consignment with our Acct Curr Ballance due thee $202.79 & having 2 small sums due at in Providence we take the liberty of inclosing thee a Check on Rhode Island bank for $296.79 which will be accepted on the 22d instant & have drawn on thee in favr of J & W m Russell for $46 & O Wilkinson for $50 at 5 days St thy attention to the discharge of them will much oblige

Ballance due J R $202.79
Order on J W R . . 46
50
D & O W . . .

We are &c

To Benj. Seymour 2mo 16 98

Thy favr of the 8 which came to hand yesterday reminds me of my neglect but have hardly known what encouragement to give thee relative to casting thy rollers which I shall like well to do if we continue the business next season which is now my intention altho yet unprovided with stock if I can procure the workman I had last year I mean to do it their determination I have not yet heard & price thou mentions leaves to the Furnace only £31 & we find in an Air furnace nothing under £30 will quit Cast & should the Castings of 10 prove unsold

It will not be an object as I shall carefully
preserve thy patterns until I have ordered it
By thy Specification I observe thy method
is nearly similar to the mode practised at
James Saunderey at Bristol & also at Cole Brook
Dale that I have no doubt thine will have
a preference to any in this country & I will
willingly consult my frd in Petersburg respecting
the probability of their answering in Russia
Wm Rotch jun Wm & Jr

To Benn Lincoln Esq 2mo 16 98

We duly rec'd thy fav
of 11 ult & are now favord with thine of 9 inst
in reply to which we observe that we have the
largest supply of H Matter this year of any month
in N England & shall have it in our power
to furnish thee with the quantity thou mentions
& we trust on as good terms as can be had any
where & shall be very glad to supply the whole
demand Our WR jr expect to be in Boston on
the 22d when he will with pleasure call upon
thee & treat upon the Subject as no person can
supply Oil this year of better quality than we
can & we hope on terms advantageous to the
Government We are &c

To Thad's Mayhew 2mo 16 - 98

Thine of the 6th we duly
rec'd by yesterdays Post & notice the contents
thy bill enclosed thereto on thy father $354 16/100 has
met due acceptance & doubt not the punctuality
of payments as thou may be assured we shall at
all times grant time ~~at all times~~ every indul
gence by lengthing the time we can with
Convenience & be may with as we were also
sorry to observe the small prospect there then

had of a Sale for the Sperm Oil by Capt Cunningham
& hands their not at present a prospect of a
speedy sale when I have received thy letter and
the River Delaware is Navigable we write thee
to Ship the whole than has unsold to Jn.o
& Co.s Mer.s there with request to dispose of it
on the best terms for our Acc.t mentioning
to them particularly the quantity of Oil
suitable for winters use there are several
vessels at Nantucket ready for departure for
that place waiting the arrival of intelligence
of the Delaware being open & one Vessell there
that will soon be ready but the first arrival
there we look upon to be an object which
than will be much more likely to effect
than a Shipment for here we shall
make thee another Shipment as soon as
than can encourage our sending them

We are &c

To George Folger Jun.r

2 mo 21 - 1798

We duly rec.d thy sketch
of the statement of our Acc.t by Isaac Coffin
for the dividend on T Rotch's & T Harand's bank
$16-15 2/3 $19-38 we now inclose thee their Check
which with the ~~deposite~~ deposit made by M
Barney to our Cr. $10-42 makes $29-80 pays the
discounts upon our Note for $969 upto 2 mo 20 at
which period we are in hopes of being in a situation
to Cancel the business — for your indulgence
heretofore in renewing our note please accept
our thanks Annexed we hand our note dated
2 mo 20 for $969 We are &c

We are &c &c

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To John Hawes 3 mo 3 98

Thy letter of Jan 9 at Bilboa we duly rec'd by Capt Knowles who inform'd us he said with thee & was so long together that we hope thou was out of danger from the Cruisers on that coast before you parted & ere this is safely arrived at Savannah we wish thou would take the proceeds of the Cargo with thee in the safety's manner than can we had rather like the property by water that exchange it for bills on persons this way should thou find any person coming directly here that thou can confide in & thou thinks it safer to risk a part that way we leave it to thy direction we hope soon to see thee safely returned shortly We are &c

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To Joseph Anthony & Co 3 mo 5 98

Since our last we have had the pleasure of receiving your obliging favrs dated 5 & 17 Janr the former covering your b/e on Gibbs & Channing for $1000 the latter another for $2000 which have been both duly honord & for your attention thereto please accept our thanks we are very sorry to find the oil has proved so thick as to render it unsaleable at this scarce time but we hope you have run it off before this time — we have some expectation you will receive from T Mayhew N York about 1000 Gls best press'd oil which we ship'd him in the winter and finding it dull he had our liberty to ship it to you We have now

Shiped you by Bunker 50 boxes Candles (with Superior wicks) & 20 Casks best pressd Oil which we hope will meet a speedy Sale as we want very much to avail ourselves of the proceeds of the whale this Spring finding much difficulty in collecting our Debts in this quater and having a large sum to Collect your apistance therein as soon as you can make it convenient will greatly oblige us — please to Honor our Offs of this day to T & J Fisher for $181 and send us 14 Bbl best Spring flour Weare &c

Since writing the forigoing we have drawn on you in favour T & J Fisher for $12 which you will please accept — Weare &c

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To Joseph Holmes & Co 3mo 6. 1798

Three teams Haskell Finney & Cole applied with your Order for the remainder of the Iron this morning the first parcel by our Acct we weighed 92 bars T. 2. C. 15. Q. 0. lb. 20

and then to make up 6 Ton 113 ... 113 Do. 3. 4. 3. 8

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The second time our notes say we was delivered out of the 113 bars 60 bars supposed 35. 0. 6 on delivering the remainder proved to be 35. 0. 6

we find only 42 bars weighing 0. 23. 1. 12

falling short of our expectation 11/113 ..... 6. 1. 24

64. 3. 8

If you took only 60 the second time our Lads must have sold some of it we hope when you got home — you weighed the last & if so we must be regulated thereby — we have dlv. Haskell — T. 30. C. 2. Q. 0. lb. 8. 54

those teams have brought us 1 Ton Finney — 25. 0. 13. 46

Cole — 15. 0. 6. 30

Hoops but by no means so well drawn 70. 0. 27. 128

as the first parcel should you send Sent since by Haskell 2. 3. 1. any more we shall not like to have them unless like the first — Weare &c

To Wm Bourroughs 3 mo 8 - 1798

Thy favours of 4 & 9 ult^o are now before us the former acknowledging the the recit of Sixty Dollars from Ben^n Hadwen, which is debited thy Accompt the latter mentions the Sale of the residue of Whale Oil in thy hands amounting to $180.36 which we suppose to be the gross Sales without any deduction for charges, shall therefore omit entering it to thy debit untill account Sales are rec^d which we shall be obliged by thy rendering not doubting the punctuality of the purchaser, the Sale is satisfactory — If thou has any Linseed Oil of ours on hand we wish thee to deliver one of the Smallest casks to Cap^n Simion Davis for Reuben Chase of Swanzy whose directions therefor we have please to transmit us an account of the number of Gallons delivered for our gouvernment in settlement with him — We are &c —

To Reuben Chase 3 mo 8 - 98

Thine is duly to hand & note the contents — no conveyance presenting to Ship the Linseed Oil from here we have directed Wm Bourroughs to deliver one Cask to Cap^n S. Davis for thee out of a parsell he rec^d from us which is of the same proportion with this now here — We are &c.

To Isaac Hicks 3 mo 6 - 98

We have duly rec^d thy several obliging favours of 27. 1 mo & 6. 12. 13. 20. 24 ult^o the Sales of candles p^r Cunningham came safe, amo^t £171-4-4 Currency or $428.4 which is D^r thy Acc^t we are also sorry thou should be without that article so as to loose any customers — we hope soon to be able to replenish thy store —

but the extream Cold weather has prevented
our having many before hand shall endeavour
to forward some by Capt J Delano who is now
fitting the Brig Commerce to sail for your
port — we have no Whale Oil on hand
as soon as your market will encourage a
shipment of Sperm we shall improve it —
We not thy recommendation to J Burns
& shall be very glad if there is a House establishd
~~in~~ in Charlestown whose want of punctuality
in making speedy remittances shall not be
called in question we wish him well & hope
he will avoid being contaminated by their bad
practices believe there is a great need of care —
Should he observe punctuality in remitting
the proceeds of Property we have no doubt of
his succeeding as we have long not only seen
but felt the want of such a House
The articles p Capt Cunningham of G Cornell
as advis'd pr Rhine 2 mo 13 is safe in Store
& shall hold untill we hear from him —
The same letter proposing a speculation in
Whale Oil which is probable we should have
engaged in had that quantity been obtainable
not being any here we immediatly wrote to
Nantucket from whence we have not been
able to obtain an answer untill this day
& find there is but little on the Island which
they ho'd at 8 or 9d a little might be purchased
at 9d Capt but not enough to make it an object
there is not a very large quantity look for
the coming season that it must be ere long
~~be~~ a scarce article our Ships having mainly
generally Directed their course after Sperm

Whales we shall therefore suspend any purchase at the present price until further information — We shall therefore be glad of thy opinion whether split & Polished Whale bone suitable for Umberella Sticks would answer at your market and what price it would command, perhaps it may be wanted for exportation we have it assorted in setts, or put in Boxes perhaps 25 or 30 Cents would not be considered to much Most of our Linseed Oil remains on hand am in hope the coming spring & summer will produce a sale therefor Weare &c

To Wm Ellery

3 mo 8 98

Thy letter of 28 Ult reaches us this evening & we are obliged by thy communication therein, we stated to thee the lowest terms we wish to sell at on the 11 of 1 mo last after given the same terms to Gen Lincoln we found by conversing with Digany & Son they had made there proposition & previously Russell had to told our Mr Jn they should not supply under $1 but our having a large supply and being anxious to obtain the contract from our present necessity for Cash he perswaded Russell to put their terms at 2% in which we are jointly interested this we apprehend would be more advantageous to the revenue that the terms from Digarney & Son as Russell & ourselves being manufactures we pledge ourselves to deliver the quality & quanty we Contract for but Digany & Son being commission merchants not being able to in warm weather to distinguish

the kinds of Oil & depending upon irregular Consignments from Nantucket are liable to imposition by the shipers naming the Oil what they please & we have even known Whl sent to market & sold for Sp^m Oil at the price they offer it we know the kinds ~~offer~~ wanted cannot be afforded — We have however a good opinion of those gentlemen but they must readily see the danger of imposition without their being responsable — as to the terms offered at N.Y 90/100 we can only say we have been lately applied to from there to know if we would unite in a public contract at 90 Cents & they the last season we have generally had a supply at that market which is nearly all if not wholy sold at $1 & of the 2^d quality J & Russell's terms were 90/100 2/3 of the first & 1/3 of the second quality — It is noway probable to us that J & Son will have it in there power to supply the whole — & the gouvernment have been once disapointed in a contract from one of their principle shippers made in the name of P Coffin Esq^r — we shall regret the business being turn'd out of its late Channel but the last terms are the lowest we can make & we believe the event will prove the gouvernment cannot be better supplied than by J & Russell & ourselves — as Gen^l Lincoln does not know of our contraction with the Boston House we wish it may be not at present be mention'd to him

We are &c

Wm R

3m 8 sent S Rodman for collection Jno Thom Order a Francis Joy favr Richd Delano for $125.50

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To Joseph Hussey 3 mo 9. 98

Imperious necessity

compels us to call again upon thee which we have with much pleasing acceptance from thy having collected some of the very long delayed debts or at least from the Sperm Oil which has now fallen due & which thou expected punctuality in the payment of we have this day drawn in favour of the Bank for $1000 2 dys after date at which time we have a large sum to pay which we request thee to give due honour & also to push hard upon those dilinquents from whom we must calculate another $1000 next month or our Cr will suffer — please to send us a bill of the Cargoes the Schooner has arrived We are &c

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To Leonard & Crocker 3 mo 9 - 98

Since we returned you R Delano's he has given us a Draft on Nantucket which we have sent forward for acceptance & should it be pd we can honor this Draft to Hodgs of which we shall duly inform you we have a large sum to pay on the 25 & 30 of this month previous to those periods we solicit your accommodations us with what ever sum it may be possable for you to send us as we have serious apprehensions of our Cr suffering — we hope to add what sum will be due from J Rotch to Herring before we close this We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 2 mo 9 - 98

We inclose thee W R & Sons Check on the Union Bank to us dated 2d inst for $3000 also our draft on J Hussey for $1000 this date 20 days after date which we crave thy attention in collecting & placing to acc We are &c

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To Jonathan Hastings 3 mo 12. 1798

We inclose thee our Check on Branch Bank for one thousand Dollars which we shall be obliged by thy receiving & forwarding to us by next mail if convenient — we shall also be obliged by thy handing the inclosed Letter to the Cashier previous to presenting the Check — thy friends W R Jun & Co.

To Benn Allen 3 mo 12 - 98

Our W R Jun wrote thee twice from Boston but was hastily recalled on Acct of the death of his mother Rodman he much regretted an opportunity of seeing thee as the situation of affairs between us seems very misterious, that after being amused with the promise of Drafts on Virga as soon as a Vessell arrived & on hearing of that event to, be put off with a proposal to have shoes shipd on our Acct — the money we have depended upon and our situation so strongly urges it that M & B A must accommodate us in a short time or our reputation must suffer which we have never yet been subjected to nor have we ever with the numerous factors we have been

10 concerned faith ever met with the like
treatment we have from your house, a
circumstance that exceedingly hurt our W R ji
from the Friendship & esteem we had for
thee nor can we even reconsile it with even
the common principles of honour & justice
we therefore request we may be no longer
with unmeaning propasitions but that we
may be immeaditly remburs'd we will
willingly recieve the money in Phia if
more convenient & we are to this day
without recieving the Acct of Sales which
we must may be no longer delay'd & we have
requested H Dean to call upon thee & receive
what money than hast collected & also what
other sum that Drfts on Phia are not furnish
for that be business may be clos'd & we were
glad to find by Dr Munson that he rec'd back
the money than lent W S & are sorry he
should fall in thy Dr & we must lament
to hear the reports of thy brothers conduct
& feelingly sympathise with thy near relations
on Acct his affecting mark of instability

So Jon Hastings 3mo 14 We are &c

Inclosed we hand thee
T Rotchies Check on U Bank for $572 32/100 which
we shall be obliged by thy recieving & forward us
by next post We are &c

3mo 15. this Check was paid to T Rotch ant of $1000 rec'd this
day, for our Chck sent to Hastings on the 12th instant

Joseph Taylor June 14 98

We have the pleasure
of informing thee of the safe arrival yesterday
of the Brig Mars Capt Hawes 57 days from Bilboa
Property with whom we had insurance
made at thy office for $1000 at 8 pct for amt
whereof inclosed thou has our Check on B
Bank for $80 & we shall be obliged by thy
cancelling our note for that sum
We are &c

Jan" Barney June 14

We do ourselves the pleasure to
inform thee safe arrival here yesterday of Capt
Hawes by whom we shipd a small parcel of oil
for Acct & Risk of thy Son G B which nettd after
paying charges R 336 4/34 gl to 26 Doubloons $18.90/100
amot whereof we now forward thee by Bettlen
this small shipment has nettd a handsome profit
and as we are now loading a Vessell for the same
place we wish nothing said either of the price
of oil or our present intention of making ano-
ther shipment least we should be interrupted
which we have once experienced — W Rose
a neighbour of ours has demands upon a small
persons shave in the Union either on draft or
orders on J H which he wishes thy order to
enable him to receive it of J H when need
a sceteh of the sums we here inclose
whole $117.99 We are &c

42 To Isaac Hicks 3mo 15 - 98

We wrote thee p^r post on the 6^th inst in answer to thy several favours then unanswered we were sorry it was not in our power to make a purchase of whale bone in terms that would answer for from information we rec^d frm Nan^z (there being none here) we fully believed it could not be had under 7 or 8^d Lmo and so little at the former that it would not be worth taken but to our mortification we find a person frm this place has been at Nan^z and purchased 6000^lb a 6^d perceiving it is going westward we hope it is for thee Thine of the 7^th is just to hand by this days mail & we not with pleasure thy contract for 1600 Gls Sp Oil which we shall forward soon being too near the Frankton sailing to get it on board this time also the arrival of Cap^n Macy whome we hope will not make an average on his Cargo being some insurance made thereon in this town — Cap^n Hussey's arrival at ostend was also rec^d in town by same Pots Cap^n Hawes arrived here in safety the 13^th inst 5 days frm Bilboa — Inclosed we hand thee invoice of 60 Boxes Candles p^r Franklin Cap^n Smith which please to dispose of for our acc^t nearly all of this parcel have wicks of a superior fineness to any of our former shipments which will make them burn much better & we hope consequently increase the demand — Inclos'd we hand thy acc^t Current balance in the favour & which hope thou will find free from Error

Wm Rotch &c

To James Andrews 3 mo 16 - 98

We have this day shipd by Capt J Burgess of Sloop Nancy 30 Boxes Sperm Candles to thy address agreable to Inclosd Invoice which we hope thou will be able to dispose so as to meet our payment to N West 1st 5 mo, if not we shall provide for the deficiency in due Season We are &c

To Wm Dean 3 mo 16 - 98

We have forwarded on board the Sloop Nancy Capt J Burgess 1 Ca best Sp Oil agreable to annexed Bill, Capt Burgess sails for Boston tomorrow, we shall request his keeping the Oil on board untill some opportunity presents to Ship it to thee should their not not any present before his sailing we shall request it left in the Care of J Andrews on L Wharf who will follow thy directions therewith having been much press'd for Candles by the increasing demand & prevented by the severity of the weather from getting so many ready for the market as usual we are unable to send thee any by this conveyance but are in hopes to forward some shortly We are &c

To Saml Eliot 3 mo 16 - 98

We have this day shipd on board the Sloop Nancy Capt J Burgess thy Casks filld with best Sp Oil who is to Sail tomorrow for Boston at all times please to command us with freed am If thou has any empty Oil Casks on hand & will send them on board Captain Burgess we will Cr thy acct the Value thereof We are &c

44 To George Sears 3 mo 20. 1798

Thine of 16 Ulto for part came duly to hand inclosing 3 Bills $705 Nett of 13 Boxes Sperm Candles agreable to annexed Sales thereof left with thee by Capt Fish which were satisfactory — Inclosed thou hast Invoice and bill Lading 30 Boxes more by Capt Anthony of the Sloop Lucy altho the others were very good we hope this parcel is better, having wicks of a superior fineness which we look upon as an addition to their worth at least hope it may facilitate their Sales we note thy having deducted Commn /73 short for Sake of remitting even Dollars which thou will take from future Sales when realized — Should thou dispose of the present Invoice and not receive any Orders from us Wish the proceeds in the productions of your Country, we wish thou would remit it to us in paper if Northern Bank is ~~Convertable~~ to be procured, we prefer it if not the notes of your Branch we can negociate — We shall be glad to keep thee supplied with this article & with thy advice of the probable demand thereof at your Market We are &c

To Francis Barker 3 mo 22. 98

Thine of yesterdays date I have duly recd & the Check for $1000 came safe to hand for thy accomodation I here inclose our Check on your bank therefor for safety I have made it payable to thyself or Order only

we expect a deposit will be made to our W.J. & Co. Cr before the Check is presented, which we wish thee to ascertain before the Check is handed in & if not pd please suspend it till done which I presume will not exceed 24 hours after the rec.t of this — if we have any freight for Phia shall forward it by this packet it being a very busy time with us now I apprehend we shall not be able to attend to the shipment of any

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To Silas Jones 3 mo 23. 1798

We rec.d $500 by Capt. Wilbur from thy Brother in Law R Macy requesting us to forward it to thee — Inclosed thou has our Check on your Bank therefor — We have settled the freight $2.50 with Capt. Wilbur & consider ourselves compensated by the Oranges he gave us liberty to take out of his Box — the remainder whereof we now forward to thy care —

We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 3 mo 22. 1798

Thy esteemed favours of 13 is duly before us for thy attention to ours of 9th please accept our thanks —

Inclosed we hand thee Cashier of U S Bank Order to Francis Barker for $1000 which please place to our Cr.

We are &c

46 To Joseph Hussey 3 mo 26. 98

Thy favour 15 inst is duly before us with Bill of the Lading amt $12 which is to thy Cr — Inclosed we hand thee a/c Balance $2564.1 in our favour $1000 of which thou hast already accepted our draft for we have a payment to make to Nath'l West of $100 or $600 which falls due the 1st of 8 mo & for the discharge of which we shall be under the necessity of drawing upon thee — Hope thou will not only be in Cash for our Acct to that amt but shortly be able to advise of having recd the whole balance — please inform us if there is a prospect of a further market of Sp Oil — we Inclose thee our W.I. Acct ggainst G Makepiece Balance £1.11.9 due him with his order thereon in thy favour which thou will please to recd & place to our Cr Mary &

To Benj Wheeler 3 mo 27

It was very unexpected to us to recd the proposition thy letter of the 19th contained, as we had no controuling influence over Capt Hawes & had not the least Idea of his returning here. we gave him 2½ p Ct Commiss for attending to our property conditional that if he went to Liverpool he should take the money there & if he returned to America should bring it with him free of Expence — and we were obliged to give him a higher premium

on account of his intention of going to Savannah ~ If we have not fulfilled our Contract in paying the freight agreed for or with Capn Hawes for his Commissn we stand ready to comply with it ~ but further we conceive the owners have no just demand upon us and we certainty pd a generous freight ~

We are &c

Francis Macy 3 mo 30. 98

We understand that the Insurance upon the Ginn has been recawerd we have a power from Brothers De Bauque to Settle all their Accts ~~to settle a~~ with thee Shubl & Thad Coffin and as we are in advance for them, shall be glad of the $500 thou left with us last year may go to their Cr and as much more to have liberty to draw upon thee or T Coffin as you hold on their Acct thy information on this Subject will much oblige us ~ De Bauque says 12 mo 5 they recd £550 about 6 months ago of B Hussey on thy Acct

We are &c

Capn Shubl Coffin 3 mo 30. 98

I have last week recd from De Bauque the necessary Acct to enable me to Close the transaction between thee & them and shall be very much oblig'd by thy attention to the business as soon as may be, as we are largely in advance for them and are in much want of money ~ they have Cr me thee thy part of Livres 3000 for the Brothers Bone which was the sum it produced

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To George Folger Jun^r 3 mo 30 - 98

By Wm Macy we sent to the Bank 100 Doubloons & gave him our Bank Book, upon that deposit we sent a check to Francis Barker for $1000 & one to Silas Jones for $500 — By thy wife we now send the 100 more which please to place to our Cr, to J Ray we have given a Check for $600 & design the residue for canceling our note, unless before it comes due we shall have occaision to negociate it otherwise in that case it is our determination to send on the money to take that up — please enter the weight of both these parcels & send it to us

Lead &c

we also send 31 Doub more in addition to the 102 mention'd before this parcell please weigh seperate from the others as we have to acc^t for their amo^t We are &c

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Joseph Hussey 3 mo 31 - 98

we wrote thee on 26^th^ inclosing our a/C & made mention that we expected to be under the neccesity of drawing upon thee which we this day have done in fav^r of J A at 30 dy^s date for $500 which we shall be obliged by thy honoring when presented — We shipd to thy address 47 Ca Oil on 5 mo 24 by the Black Surprise Cap^t Elisha Dunbar of which we do not find any Sales rendered, nor in thy a/C Cr if the Sales of this Invoice is compleated, we shall be obliged by thy rendering us an accompt thereof, as we cannot find any if rendered before — please also say if the 60 Boxes candles &

Schooner Rainbow Capt. Sharman is Sold — we wish thou would procure & Ship by first Conveyance directley to this port, half a Barrell of best Buf for family use — we are &c

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To James Andrews
omitted sensing 3

3mo 31. 1798

We wrote thee on 16th covering Invoice this safely arrived — Annexed we hand thee our Order on Joseph Kussey at thirty Days date, for $500 which we hope thou will be able to make meet our payment to Nath[l] West that falls due the 1st or 2d of 5 month this sum with the proceeds of the 130 Boxes Candles, if thou can get that accommodated, will be ample provission for the cancelling West's demand upon — Weare &c —

To Elisha Sigourney & Son

3mo 31. 1798

Annexed we hand you Invoice of 100 Box Spermaceti Candles Shipd onboard the Sloop Fox Captain Norton who saild yesterday for Boston — should this Parcel meet a ready sale we shall probably make you a further shipment shortly — at least we are in hopes you will be able to dispose of these on terms that we can avail ourselves of the proceeds to meet your demand upon us for the Ship Minerva which falls due next fall — Altho we have Invoiced the Candles at fifty three Cents yet we leave it to your judgment to dispose of them on the best terms you can at a price not reduced from half a $ we would notice to you the superior fineness of the wicks of this parcel of Candles, which we find they burn much better than with the former size — and we can recommend them to be good — Weare &c

50 To Jon^n Hastings 3mo 31

Thy esteemed favr of 20 Current is now before us, & its contents came safe to hand for thy care thereof we feel obliged we now inclose our B Book & shall be additionally obliged by thy care to forward it to the Bank and get our Acc^t noted thereon and return it to us when accomplish'd — Inclosed is our check for $1000 which we shall be obliged by thy forwarding in $20 B Bills & as the circulating of larger ones being more difficult Meare &

To Peter Rae Dalton 3 mo 31

Inclosed we hand thee C Russells order for $75 on his son J Russell which we shall be oblig'd by thy receiving & place to our Cr. — We wrote thee on 22 Ins^t inclosing a Check fm U S Bank in favr of S Barker for $1000 which we hope came safe to hand & will appear to our Cr. on Book which we now forward for ajustment Meare &c

To Nathaniel West 4 mo 3. 98

Our note to thee falls due within 30 days, we now inclose thee a Check upon the B Bank for $500 & have engaged J Andrews to Settle the remainder when the note becomes due — on whom pplease to call — when the $500 is rec^d indorse it upon the note Meare &c —

James Andrews 4 mo 3. 98

Thou was so kind as to offer our accommodation in paying a note of ours to Capt N West of Salem by anticipating at Bank the sales of 130 Boxes of Candles sold for our Acc^t and as payment falls due on the first or next month if thou wishes

our note at 60 Dys for the Balance due C West we will send it down in season and if necessary ask the Cashier a discount which we have no doubt of gaining with thy endorsment even upon our own acc^t at foot is state of the Balance due Cap^t West for which he holds our note

Weare &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 4 mo 3 1798

We wrote thee by yesterdays mail & Inclosed C Rupells Order on his Son Joseph Rupell for Seventy five Dollars

We here forward our Order of 3 mo 31 on Joseph Hupey at 30 Days date for $500 which we shall be obliged by thy procuring & when collected pass to our Credit — Inclosed we hand thee Samuel & Nicars Fisher Authorization for our W R Junr endorsment on United State Bank Check they remitted Thomas Hazard Junr without endorsment agreeable to thy request — Weare &c

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To Jeseh Kempton 3 mo 30 . 1798

We having loaded the Brig^t Eliza thysel master with whale Oil C & Fish & Bone we have consigned the same to thee & advise thy proceeding with all passable dispatch to Bilboa there to sell on the best terms thou can Cap^t Hawes sold his Cargo at 71 C Dollars & 32 Vcts which the $201.75 Spanish Dollars was by the amazing charges after paying about $20 pr Ton for pr pilot reduced down to about $133 but we hope thou will be able to make a more advantageous sale to some persons they paying the Charges 58 Current Dollars pr 32 Vcts without Discount for prompt pay we suppose will neat us the same as Hawes but hope thou will be able to

get even more than ~~yet~~ that yet rather than have it left unsold or to remain long to detain the Vessel we had rather it was sold for still Cys if thou can remit without loss the proceeds of the Cargo in good Bills on amsterdam or Hamburg thou may do it & send them to George Smith & Co. of Hamburg each part for the proportions we own & by them to be placed to the Cr. of each of us - reserve enough if thou thinks best to go to St Ubes & purchase a Load of Salt on the Brigs Acct & make all possable dispatch in returning home not forgeting to write us by all apperturnities Wishing thee a pleasent Voyage & Speedy return we are thy friends

Wm Rotch jun & Co

Thos Rotch

Thos. Hazard jun

To Gordia Bay

4mo 6

Your esteemed favour of Janu. 19th & P Curr.

Circular & the Mars Capt Hawes who duly recevd who arrivd in Safety at this port on 13th ult. Your offers of further survises we notice and with you desire an increasing correspondence to our mutual advantage the many embarrasments our Commerce at present labours under with the unsettled state of ~~business~~ politicks in Europe we have thought best to consign the Ends Cargo to Capt Kempton (the bearer hereof) recommending your house to him and any services you may render him in acomplishing the objick of his voyage will be greatly acknowledged by us - the Prin cost Hawes Cargo Commanded promised a very handson Profit but the numerous Charges to be deducted considerably reduced it which on the ~~Principal~~ present Parcel we are in hopes will be lessened particularly for the deduction of Blubber the greater Part having ben started & much of the

think left behind — Should there be much the Purchasers may be informed (tho perhaps not ignorant of already) that should they only boil it over it would be nearly or quite as pure as the other Part —

Should your market promis incouragement & things git into a more regular train, it Probable we should wish to be in habit of making further Shipments thereto — Any further information relative to our trades or markets Capt Kempton will be able to communicate to whom we refer

and remain &c

To Philip Nanton

Yours of 98

Shine for Capt Hawland

we duly rec'd with 6 ℔ of nails & Candles both of which are duly placed to thy Dr also thy Acct came safe to hand which have examined & made our books conformable thereto balance by thy thy Acct was £46.7.0 or $154.50 which with the amount of keg & Oil shipd thereby Capt Hathway $11 makes the Balance $165.50 which agrees with our books Capt Hawland left a parcel of Whil oil casks with some of his aquaintance at Alexandria some time since on the Ct of which they advanced him some money the oil not meeting a Sale we are under the necessity of refunding the same for the accomadation of which we have this day given Capt Hawland an order on thee for $165.50 Balance of Acct & if on examination thou finds free from error we shall be obliged by thy honoring when presented — we are a little disapointed in not finding the nails nett'd only $1.50 pr ℔ they having cost us 175 here and being mostly flat painted we please ourselves they would net a profit at your Mar

54 we shall be pleased to hear your Mar-
ket manifest encouragement for further
Shipments of Sperm Candles as we can
furnish those of an excellent quality
also Sperm Oil Weare & C

John G Ladd 4 mo 7. 98

Thy favr of 28 Feb. y/ p/ past
is duly before us, for thy communications
therein contained for price current annexed we
feel obliged — Capt Burgess informd on his
return of having left with thee one 40 Casks
Linseed Oil as also did Capt Rowland the 40 Do
shipd by him all of which we shall be
glad to find is marketed on good terms, if so
we thould like thou should 40 Bl fine &
5 fine if it is not sold thou may ship us in
good flour of same quality in such quantity
as thou feels freedom to advance under the
existing prospect of a sale of our effects in thy
hands — We have shipd thee by Capt Rowland
10 Boxes 4s Candles of an excellent quality
which we hope thou will be able to make us
us after paying Charges 50 p/ lb & 25 or 33 p/ ct for
Boxes at other markets they are sold for the
W India trade this ~~qtt~~ parcel is of Sup[r] Wicks
(to common) suitable for home consumption
an invoice of which is here annexed as also
of 15 p/ Ra Duck which we hope will command
$12 or $13 this article with most other Russia
goods must be scarce if our Commerce continues
to labour under its existing embarrisments
We do not wish 40 or 50 Bl fine & 5 fine flour
by return of Capt Rowland — thou

should there be returns of Capt Haviland
be a prospect of making a sale of Sp. Oil
suitable for Lamps we should like to know it

We are &c
on reconsidering the shipment of flour last it
should come at an advanced price, by being
ship'd on account of effects not realized will
think best to suspend the shipment of any on
that account — but would like than should
ship us by Capt. Haviland the following order —
and draw on P Bentalou of Baltimore at
ten days sight for the amount thereof
unto whom we have written on the subject —
20 Bbl. Fine Flour 20 half B B Shipd. @ 20 Bbl.
best Middlings — We are &c —

4 mo 7. 1798

Paul Bentalou

Availing ourselves of the friendly
offer thou made us, of passing some small negoci
ations through thy hands — one of the Owners of
the Brig "three Brothers Seth Delano who lately fr
a freight from New York to Baltimore promised
us he would order three hundred Dollars paid
by the Capt into thy hands for our acct towards
a small shipment from alexandria, we have
requested our frd JG Ladd to draw upon thee
at 10 dys sight for about $300 whose draft we
request thou will honour & if thou art not
in cash for our acct we will thank to redraw
upon our frd Jos. Anthony & Co of Phila for the
sum accepted for, in that case please forward
the inclosed Letter to them, if thou has no oc
casion to draw please to ~~draw~~ destroy the letter —
We are &c

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To Joseph Anthonys Co. 4 mo 7. 1798

Should our friend P Bentalou of Baltimore have occasion to draw upon you for our Acct about $300. we shall be much obliged by your honouring his dft. we an

Isaac Hicks 4 mo 7. 98

Shine of 26 Hhds is duly before us — Annexed thare last Invoice of 13 Casks Sperm Oil contg 1200 Gals on Acct of the 1600 thare contracted for some time since the remainder we shall forward by next conveyance — After filling the Casks we pumped from each 1 Gll but have made no deduction in the Invoice having been much exposed to the Long North east storm we suppose they they will be full at your market Should thare be able to purchase a few thousand Hhds & Bls North River Staves on good terms we apprehend they will be law from the present gloomy prospects of things / We with thare would procure 6 or 7000 good thick Hhds & Casks Staves & ship by the Sloop Susa Capt Jennee who goes now up your river after her with whom we shall proper thare conneing or with Capt Wilbur; If thare meets with any of thick butt Staves we with thare would send us 500 or 1000 very thick pipe Staves — thare may find some Vessel comeing this way muchen cheaper & freight — Should H Dean have occaison ~~to draw~~ for thy aid to endorse for $200 or $300 at 60 days & our sales of Candles will be for thee to rely upon for payment

his draft upon us will be acceptable
& may prove an accomadation to us

To Shubael Coffin

We are &c

I duly rec'd thine of
5th Mo and note thy observations respecting
the 2600 Livres I am ready & authorized to
adjust all acc'ts with thee relative to the
Gurney Brothers either between ourselves by
arbitration or by Law & as I am myself suf-
fering for the money I have advanc'd on
D Bayque acc't which I conceive thou unjustly
detains I am very anxious to bring the
matter to a close & in a friendly manner
desire thy attention to the business. I am
ready to arbitrate with thee either here or
in Boston & am authorized to arbitrate
all matters between you that if thou art
disposed to come to an amicable settlement
there is no further pretence for a delay
& I must request thy attention to the
business as speedily as possable I am &c

Robert Hilman

4 mo 7. 98

The time having expired
for which we were to have pd for the
Bill of Exchange drawn last winter but
as ready money being mostly in gold
we have omitted sending it on to thee
not knowing but it might better serve
to reserve it either here or in Boston per-
haps we may be able to exchange it
for Silver in a short time

The money is all ready & shall wait thy Orders if thou could give some of your Boston traders order upon us we we would hand them Checks on B Bank therefor & which might be an accommo-
dation to us

Jon^a Hastings

Yrs &c

Yarmouth 98

Thy favour of 4 inst we duly rec^d with the $1000 Inclos'd also our Bank Book for thy attention in serving us we feel much oblig'd — the notice thy inclination for a relish of Catang & as soon as our fishermen take any we shall with pleasure avail ourselves of the first suitable conveyance to forward thee a dish — Inclos'd is our Check for $1000 which we shall be oblig'd by thy forwarding us in small Bills

To Peter Roe Dalton

Yrs &c

Yarmouth 98

Inclosed we hand thee J Barkers order on J & R Cadman at 3 days sight for $1000 which we shall be obliged by thy rec^e & place to our C^r we shall be also oblig'd by thy requesting of the directors to discount a note for us which we this day send to J Andrews (who will endorse it) for $1900 for 60 days on the first day of next month it is to meet a payment we have then promised & he will be in Cash in time to make up the money he is to recieve and we shall be attentive to observe punctuality Yrs &c

To James Andrews Anno 16 98

Thy favr of 9 inst is before us anexed is our note for $1900 to the B Bank which thou will please to throw in for discount favouring us with thy endorsment thereon the date thou will observe is left blank which please to fill when discounted — we have written to the Cashier on the subject who we doubt not will aid us in the discount

We are &c

Thos Arnold

Anno 21. 98

Thy favr of by Delano

we duly rec[d] after a passage of about 2 weeks the necessary parts of its contents we shall make use of in our conversation with J. Pope — Melchs note which was mentiond to be inclos. was not rec[d]. shall pay attention to it when it appears — Anexed we have the 9 Casks Whale oil & 55 Boxes of Sp Candles ship'd by the Patty Cap[n] Allen amot $1040.16 which have debited thy acc[t] the balance 8 tons or thereabouts we shall endeavour to ship shortly — Judge Popes absence has hitherto prevented our seeing him on the subject of thy letter as soon as he returns shall attend to the Business —

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To Peter Roe Dalton 4 mo 21. 98

Thy esteemed favour of 17 inst we rec'd & contents noticed — We here inclose J Barkers order on J & R Codman for $400 which we shall be obliged by thy rec'd & place to our C.r

We are &c

Jan'a Hastings 4mo 28. 98

Thine of the 18th is now before us — and its contents $1000 came safe to hand for thy attention to our frequent applications we feel much oblig'd Inclosed we hand thee our Check on the US Bank for $400 the amt of which we shall be obliged if thou wouldst forward in small Bills by next post

We are &c

David Anthony 4mo 21. 98

Thy 2 favr of 27th ult & 11 inst are duly to hand the former conts bill 6 Casks Sirup amt $12 & the latter 1 Hhd Molasses amt $63.75 are both Dr thy acct — Annexed we hand thee Invoice of 30 Boxes Candles of the best kind which we wish thee to dispose of on the best terms possable our last sales at N York were about 53 and demanded —

If thou can make an exchange of some Candles for 2 or 3 Casks Brown Sugar on Cash terms, thou may do it, but our wants of that article is not so great as to be willing to make a sacrifice in the Sale — We are &c —

4 mo 21. 1798

To William Mott

Thy letter of 2 mo 15. last I duly received and altho. I have not replied heretofore thereto. I have not been inattentive to the trust thou reposed in me, but there all my endeavours have never been able to procure payment for the award in favour Benj: Underhill & Co: until this day, which has been paid by Seth Russell & Sons draft on Minturn & Champlin in favour of Gilbert Russell which I have indorsed to Order, in the sum of Twelve hundred & fifty Dollars being the sum awarded $1112.79 & two years Interest $137.21 which I hope will reach the in safety and prove to the satisfaction of the Concern — for my trouble and attention I have made no Charge to that thou art welcome and I only wish it had ben in my power to have made thee an earlier remittance, but the Circumstances of the Old house have been such that I could not effect it before, nor even now had the demand been my own — I am &c thy Friend Wm Robt Jun:

To Isaac Hicks

4 mo 21 1798

Thy esteemed favour of 6th instant covering Sales of 60 Boxes Candles is duly at hand. N Yk ds £353.2.10 Curry or $883.10, is Debited thy acct thy Sales there of exceeds our Invoice 10 lb of Candles, if an error we will rectify it by thy information —

Inclosed we hand thee, Invoice & Bill Lading of 100 Boxes Candles & 45 Casks Strand Sperm Oil, all of which we hope will arrive at a good market — Out of this parcel of Oil please make up the deficiency of Sixteen hundred (for the contract) of our Shipment to Capt: Wilbour, not having enough then ready for market, but from our present stock shall be able to furnish almost any quantity thou may encourage us to send — we have agreed with Mosher to take Back a load (Six or Eight hundred Bushels) of Corn provided

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thou can purchase it at about 50 Cents or less ℔ Bushell, as thou last quoted, which we obtain North Corn we shall much prefer it ~ We expect T Hazard will order a part of the above Quantity ~

By an arrival yesterday at Boston 37 days from Amsterdam, we learn the William Penn of Philadelphia was just taken by a French Privateer Brig: March 22d ~ the scarcity of Cash continuing great we should like to know When we may calculate upon the payment for the 1600 Gallons of Oil ~ We are &c ~

Leonard & Crocker

Ino 27.98

By the Beaver Capt Phillips we have shipp'd 35 bars ℔ Iron wt 20.0.23 which we wish you to return in Spike Rods abt 3/4 & nail rods 7/8 it being particularly salable we wish even the small pieces if they will answer to work returned of this kind ~ we have also sent by Capt Phillips 2 Rivets for a pattern of the ~~same~~ small size we should like you would make us 4 or 6000 of the large size 2000 the latter kind please to make in shape like the small ones holding their or Bigness to the point not tapering like the pattern they are both sufficiently long please let them be made from this parcell of Iron ~ Our last importation from England came chargd 8/8½ ℔ cwt please to send us some round with rods as soon as you can & at what price you will be able to afford them the first of the Iron 8t we have ℔d

~~We are &~~

we wish you would pay G Williams $226.58 & forward us his rect by next post after rec' this it is for 2 mens Shares in Ship Vivian J Barney master &c. & Sea & we will endorse the same on your notes and long silence on the subject of remittance has not been occasiond by many supplies but rather by a wish to accommodate & in the interim we have you are enabled shortly to make is a handsome remittance for we can assure you our wants are great & very pressing hope soon to hear from you Meares &

To Greene & Tillinghast 4 mo 27. 1798

We wish you would send us ten or twelve Quarter Casks good Powder. by Wm Allen who is now either at Newport or Providence in small vessel steering this way in a few days.

please to see the Captain goes through the necessary regular forms at the Custom House, & imports him, we will reimburse the expence —

please to forward a Bill thereof, at as low a price as you can afford and the amt shall be duly remitted.

The batteries of our Bridge requires a considerable Quantity of Powder. for the supply of which we intend apart of this — we are &c —

To Joseph Anthony & Co 4 mo 28. 1798

Your esteemed favour of 19 Ult & 16 Curr' are now before us — the former covering Sales Bill of 4 Bls flour and $34:18 duly to your Cr — we notice with satisfaction your intentions

of makeing us a handsome remittance
shortly which will supercead the necessity
of our drawing upon you & very much
accommodate us having a considerable
sum to raise this spring for the paym^{t}
of our present Stock of that article ~
The latter consg Sales of 2 parcels Sperm^{a}
Oil 32 B^{ls} amot $ 2630.41 & 29 C^{a} $ 1484.98
both which are D^{r} your Acc^{t} & are fully
to our satisfaction the price we think
liberal & hope you will be able to obtain
as generous price in future ~ this reached
us just timely to improve the present
opportunity of makeing you another ship-
-ment of Sixteen Casks by Cap^{t} Norton
as per inclosed Inv^{o} & Bill Lading ~
We wish you to send us by Cap^{t} Norton
returns a small chest of Best Hyson Tea
& 1/2 B^{l} best new Crackers We are &c

To Samuel & Miers Fisher Lerwick 28

We duly rec^{d} your note
authorizeing our W R Jn^{o} endorsement of
the check on the Bank which has been
duly forwarded ~ we have now forwarded
you 50 Boxes Sperm Candles An excellent
quality of superior wicks which hope you
will shortly find a sale for & encourage
our sending you a further supply ~
Inclosed is Invoice thereof ~
We are &c

Thos Arnold Ln mo 3 . 98

Inclosed we hand thee Bill of 18 Casks Whale Oil & 3 Boxes ℔ Candles amot $350.12 which is Dr thy acc & falls a little short of Balancing thy acc & falls a bit a copy of which shall send by the present conveyance, if time admits if not attention shall be pd to forward it by next opperturnity we observed in our last thou having omitted to forward welch's note which doubtless thou mentiond

We are &c

To Leonard & Crocker 5 mo 10 . 98

We wrote you by last mail requesting ℔ ton Spike Rods, our Black Smith desires of old or new Sable Iron if you have them, if not he wishes they may not be sent

Capt Tallman call'd this evining & inform'd that G Williams wife had wrote him that you would pay her the money we requested of you that in conequence he would return us what we pd him, of course we now request you will do it & take her order on us the sum we mention'd to you we think was $226.58

We are &c

6 mo 12, 98

To Leonard & Crocker

yours of this day we have rec.d & wish you to send us ten Cask of Nails as at foot. of the best kind — we shall be glad to have part or all next week if any Conveyance presents — Ware &c

1 Cask each 3. 4 & 6 2 Casks 20 Sharp 2 Casks 10d Sharp 3 Casks 8d flat — we expect a Ship early from Russia with Iron & she should not be molested

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To Jon.a Hastings 5 mo 17. 98

Agreeable to thy request we have inclosed three $100 in B B Bills in exchange for same sum handed our A Barker which he gave a rec.d for which please to return We are &c

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To Samuel & Miers Fisher 5 mo 18. 1798

We have been involved in a great deal of perplexity with A M & B Alley of Lynn who have given us repeated assurances of payments in Phi.a which have hitherto proved unproductive, they now inform us they have Shipp.d by Capt.n Norton 2 Bls of Shoes to you abt 400 pr & have 2 Casks more going from Boston now there as pr inclosed invoice & fully inform to advance 2/3 of a Dollar on all they Shall send you of the reality of this we shall be glad to know as also what prospect there is from the Sales if no such contract has been made

they also gave us the enclosed Order on J Robertson for 400 pr more or the proceeds thereof and inform us they have about $200 remaining in his hands from previous sales of this we shall be glad to be ascertain'd that we may take a drf on him As fast as any money is realised from the Sales or if the contract for advances does exist we shall be very much obliged by your remitting us in Bank Checks or otherways as you may find most convenient, but we ask not for advance but upon contract with them as we had rather wait the Sales than you should do it for our account We are &c &c &c

To Thad^us Mayhew 5 mo 18. 1798

Thy favour of 5 inst we duly rec^d by the Susa & note its contents thy father this day informed us he should answer $150 bonus on thy acc^t the $300 we will negociate in the manner thou mentions — we are sorry your market does not afford more encouragement for our staple comodity Oils & particularly Strained — annexed we hand thee invoice & bill Lading 30 Boxes Sperm Candles pr the Fame Cap^n Taber which we hope thou will be able to procure an advantageous Sale for — and Should their be further Demand please give us early advise We are &c

5 mo 18. 1798

To Isaac Hicks

Thy esteemed favours of 16th 24th 30th Ult. & 7th inst are all duly before us — the former covering draft on Firth & Marsfield for $339.25 which doubtless will be paid at expiration and shall be duly placed to thy Cr — We have passed to thy Credit $109 H Deans first draft on thee his second for $61.51 having returnd — The bill of Corn $246.18 is to thy Credit the Corn was good and satisfactory —

Thy last Letter affords but little satisfaction to Sperm Manufactarers other than a consolation that when thing get to their worst, an alteration must be for the better —

We have this day drawn on thee in favour of Daniel Ricketson & Son for Two hundred Dollars we should have drawn at some days sight if Joseph could have accommodated it, but he had rather carry his money with him, than to take any risk of not having it immediately at command on arrival — we note thy liberty for us to draw at 30 Days for $700 not having any opportunity to draw at any thing short of sight we have not availed ourselves thereof should any offer we shall take the liberty to avail ourselves of the time already elapsd & hope thy next will advise us of having rec'd the remainder for the 1600 Gallons of Oil — Since writing the above we have given H Dean an order for $100 at 25 Day date — We hope the market for Sperm Oil will quicken and should thou find a further demand we shall be very glad to keep thee supplied

We are &c

To James Andrews 5 mo 23 1798

To John G Ladd Thy favour of 25th Ult. is before us the Invoice of 50 Bl Flour therein inclosed. us duly Credited thy Accompt amo. $ 244.96 We have intended shipping some flat pointed Nails by the Druella this time, but their not yet having arrived from the Country, fear we shall not be able to affect it — We wish thou would draw on our friend Paul Bentalow for the residue of the three hundred Dollars of which we advised him some time since, and ship by the return of the Druella Capt. Kerr, in good Superfine flour in Barrels which we hope will be on as good terms as the rest of the Cargo, the Contrary subjecting us to inconvenius If thou has realized the Duck or Candles please ship us there nett amount, one half in good fine and one half in good Crop Brand Flour — We are &c

To Harand & Aurault 5 mo 24. 1798

Your esteemed favr of 23 Ult. is duly at hand and are pleased to observe the sale of Candles and hope ere this the Duck has found a good sale it is demanded at other markets — Should you be able to remit us the proceeds of either or both it would be very at this time — Cash being extreamly scarce to the Northward We have shipped to Newport to be restored on board the Brig Capt John

Earl of Providence for Charlestown 50 Boxes Sp Candles with superior wicks & one Bale Ticklenburg containing 4 long and two short pieces agreeable to inclosed invoice ~ We have invoic'd the latter as charged to us, your R H (who left here on 22d) thought it would command 33 Cents or upwards pr yd

Please advise us of the prospect of your market for Sp & Linseed Oils we shall also be obliged by your acc't Sales ~ Ps folio 73 ~ We are &c

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To Leonard & Crocker 5 mo 22. 98

Yours of yesterdays date is before us & in reply we may remark the demand for Rye at this place is so small that any considerable quantity would over Stock the maket there having been several Vessels here very lately not much more would sell very redily a few days past a small load was ship'd to Nantucket which is now selling there for 75 Cts we cannot encourage an immediate shipment The ballance of J Ferrings acc't with Rath is £58. 9. 3½ or $194.88 for which you will please obtain his order on him therfor and forward to us ~ The nails have not yet arrived which we regret as it was our intention to have ship'd them to Alexandria but the Vessel is now on the point of Departure ~ The ½ ton Stike Rods we with 4 Ad Sable Irons We are &c ~

To Shubael Coffin Esq 5 mo 24. 1798

My Brother Rodman

informd me thou acceded to John Howland for one of the arbitraters but much regret thou had not allowed thyself time to have accomplished the rule of court when there as the time draws near when the buisness must be brought to a close & I cannot justify myself in putting Dr Bangue to the expence already incured and then stop the proceedings in Law without the matter is put to a train to settle by rule of Court I will agree to any two other persons than and Brother Rodman may conclude upon A Swain has returnd this day if thy ~~for~~ wish to have him 3 persons is all that is neccesary unless thou can attend to it to come off and enter upon the Rule before the writ must be returnd to Boston I must require thee to pay the expence already incurred by the writ provided any thing should prevent on thy part it being ~~recadt~~ submitted to refferees in one month from this time thy assurance of this will leave me safe in Stopping the writ and that must go to Boston next fourth day to be in proper time Thy attention & reply will oblige

W Rsn

72 To Gouvernour & Hemble 5 mo 24. 98

Inclosed we hand you Ships Marylands a/c & a/s of Pipe Staves left by Capt Liscome - balance in your favr $33.14 for which sum we hand you our order on I Hicks - The tardiness of our Mechanic's in bringing forward their bills has hitherto prevented the acct being rend sharld any hereafter appear, we will duly advise you

We have We are &c

Joseph Anthony & Co 5 mo 26. 98

We wrote you on 28 ult by Capt Norton since which none of your esteemed favs have come to hand - We drew on you under date of 24 inst for $320 which drft we shall be obliged by your honouring when it appears We are &c

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Isaac Hicks 5 mo 25. 98

We wrote thee on the 18 since which we have drawn in favr of D Ricketson & Son for $100 and in favr of G & Hemble for $33/14 at 30 days date being a small balance of Acct with them all of which we shall be obliged by thy honouring when they appear Should thou meet with a suitable & spell coming this day that will take Corn at 6 or not exceeding 8 Cents pbus for we request thee to ship us

Bu^{l} good Corn if to be had at about 50 Cents or under — We should prefer its coming by Taber but apprehend he will be full hope than will find a conveyance soon therefor — we also request than will send us for Cap^{n} Taber 8 or 10 quater Casks good Powder we want it for blowing of Rocks for our Bridge the price is quoted at $17 but hope than will be able to procure it cheaper —

To Hazard & Thrault — We are &c
5 mo 26. 1798

We have for Same conveyance 10 Casks Linseed Oil for Invoice inclosed, which we hope than will be able to find a ready Sale for & make it net us 90 or 100 Cents p^{r} Gl^{n} we imported it last fall and what it fetches Less than that we are Sufferers

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Joseph Burns — We are &c
5 mo 26. 98

By directions of S Rodman of Nantucket we have Ship^{d} to thy address 50 Boxes Sp Candles & 10 Casks Linseed Oil for Inclosed invoice & Bill Lading, which than will please to dispose of on the best terms possable and place the Sp^{r} to the Cr of his acc^{t} H & Thraults recent sales of Candles have been made 58 at which price than will be able to dispose of these for or more — As the price quated for Linseed Oil at your City we expect than will be able to command $1 p^{r} Gl^{n} for this at less than that we shall hardy save ourselves from the

74 price it Cost — The oil was filld in the winter & some taken out of each Cask & perhaps the warm weather will render a deduction unnecessary We are &c —

To Jon^a Hastings 5 mo 26. 98

Thine of yesterdays date is duly to hand containing $132 agreable to request have exchang'd the same which we now inclose —

1 B^k Bill $50
1 D^o D^o 40
1 D^o D^o 30 $132
1 D^o D 10
2 D^o $1 each 2

Thine of 18^th inst is also at hand and rec^d there inclosed we have received — We are &c —

To Sam^l Elliot 6 mo 2. 98

Thy fav^r of 26 ult^o is before us the oil is nearly all ready and the remainder will go on board on the fourth and the Vessels departure will be hastened all that is possable the several rainy days this week has prevented its being on the way — We shall endeavour to get forward 50 tons and should be glad if cask^s could be accommodated in the Ships hold as it would be kept cooler and more moist and then be less liable to leakage we feel more easy believing Cap^n Turner will do, us the justice to take every prudent Care therein and grant us every accommodation Possable We are &c

To Leonard & Crocker 6mo 5. 98

Last evening we rec'd your esteemed fav' of yesterday accompanied by $500 which is endorsed upon your note and we anxiously hope the rest due will shortly make its appearance we were disapointed in not receiving the Iron Iron Large Stakes Rods with those for the Spanish Iron & nails those we have still came by next boat please also to send us another Cask of 4d nails — We are &c —

To Samuel Elliot 6mo 5. 1798

Annexed we hand Invoice of 101 Casks Sperm Oil, Ship'd agreable thereto to be delivered onboard the Ship Minerva which we hope will be in time as they will depart tomorrow wind permitting

By next post we shall forward the respective Bills Lading & Invoice for the whole with the notarys certificate thereto if necessary should the Ship have one for her Cargo and thereby our sending one rendered unnecessary we shall be much obliged by thy giving us that Information by the return of mail — We hope thou will excuse our giving the this trouble but suppose it will require no more than handing Capt Turner the Invoice with thy request

that the Casks be stowed with great Care & as many as possible in the lower Hold ~ we shall also be much obliged by thy attention to our bill Lading when they reach the

Yours &c

To David Anthony 6 mo 6. 98

Thy letter covering Bill of 2 Hhds of molasses & 1 Bbl of Sugar by Wm Allen are all duly recieved & amount $160. 90 to thy Cr. at present we had rather than would suspend any further exchange for West India produce, not being in immediate want & molasses is now selling here at 42d pr Gll ~ annexed we hand Invoice of 40 Boxes Spermt Candles by W Allen which we hope thou will be able to find a ready market for ~ Our Order in favr of J Hazard Jun for $200 we drew in consequence of a letter from thee, wherein thou mentions being in Cash for our Acct $400 perhaps thou misdirected the Letter - we have therefore obtained since the rec. of thine an order from Wm Roth & Sons for $200 which is here inclosed we shall be pleased to receive Sales of the Candles when convenient With respect to Mr Clintocks Debt we must leave it with thee to do the best thou can for our Interest ~ Yours &c

Jonn Hastings 6 mo 7. 98

Thine by this evenings post is duly rec. covering $178 which we have exchanged & is here inclosed

We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 6mo 7. 1798

Inclosed we send Cornelius Durants Draft on Charles Miller & Son dated May 22d for Four Thousand Dollars at Sixty Days date — we shall be obliged by thy presenting the same, and when received place the amount to our Credit —

To Tho's Duchasan & Co Weare &c
6mo 7. 98

We have been duly favr with your several letters fm 15 Decr to March with their several inclosures & we have found your Acct free from Error & noted the same in conformity to our books balance in your favr £20. 6. 4 & we are much obliged by the advance you have made to J P Bazar & Co for our Acct of £1000 which they drew at 27½ and have also to acknowledge the favour of your Liberty to draw 2 or 3000 £ more when the course of our business may require it we feel thankfull for your kindness herein and at a future period when our commercial intercourse may not be attended with so much danger as at present its probable we shall be glad to avail ourselves of it — we have for the present season made out to support our Cr but have a large quantity of Sperm oil on hand which must depend on your market for a Sale and Insurance is so high & the

danger so great that we fear ~~loading a Ship~~ loading a Ship wholly with it we are therefore necessiated to seek Conveyances as they occur, altho at an improper season to send it of in small parcells with this view we have in Conjunction with our Connections here sent on for Boston 50 Tons to go on board the Minerva Capt Turner which we hope will escape the Cruisers and that no confusion on your side will prelude us from a market for it to advantage — 30 tons of it goes on our acct & its is expected in the Concern that the Leakage make a general avarage which will be less trouble to you & most equal with us it is mostly in Large Casks from the fishery which we inteend to putting it in other Casks as great loss generally attends Starting & the casks are Shipd in excellent order — we are pleased to hear of Capt Gardiner so far as Falmouth & are not a little disapointed that we do not yet hear of him at Bremen we hope you will find the Gouvernt at least disposed to pay the sum he drew upon you as that wholly went into the public Chest we doubt not your attention in seeking it

if it can possably be obtained
we are disapointed in not finding any
further Cr. for the orders of Cah. A Swain
as he assured us he had directed the placing
of a ~~placing~~ a part of £600 to T H & Co's Acct
which were to go also to our Cr. & a large
sum is yet behind from Dunkirk
for the same quater we expected you
would be reimbursed the £1000 you have
accepted for our Acct from Petersburg, but
we are so unfortunate as to hear our
Oil laid there unSold nearly at the
Close of winter — we however hope the
present Shipment will reach you
in safety & replace it — If not we hope
the favorable opinion you entertain
of our house & connections will not
be imparted to any neglect of ours
we flatter ourselves that by not hearing
of the Capture of the Prudence she has
arrived safe at Genoa if so we hope you
will recieve something from her to our
Cr. at all events we are determined so
to circumscribe our business as in
future to risk none but our own money
the precarious State of our Politicks
rendering it improper as a war with
a powerfull republic seems now
inevitable which circumstance we
sincerely lament & wish a Speedy peace
with England may quit the minds of
that nation We are &c

80 Peter Roe Dalton. 6 mo 13 98

Last week we inclosed the Com^{rs} Durants Draft of C Miller & Son for $4000 at 60 dys after Date if it has not come to hand or has not met acceptance we shall be obliged by thy information. Inclosed is a Check on the U S Bank for $103.62/100 We are &c

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Tho^{s} Hastings 6 mo 15. 1798.

Thine of the 12th inst is rec^{d} with $100 for which we return thee $100 in B Bills We are &c.

Samuel Elliot 6 mo 14. 98

We are very sorry the Oil could not go on board the Minerva and are also sory thou hast so much trouble with our business but time by this mail will not admit of our applying to any other person we therefore solicit thy attention we therefore solicit thy attention in ordering it on board the first Vessel for London and thy advise of what Vessel will enable us to furnish the bills of Lading we have known one Chanel that will not put thee to any further trouble

one Invoice appears compleat &
say ◇ 11 Casks for which T Harand's
bills of Lading are – Bills Lading of
the other 3 parcells are here
inclosed Weare &c

To Thomas Dickason & Co Cork 19. 98

we have this evining
rec'd your obliging favr dated 27th march
and are pleased to find the Transport
Board have p'd you £57. 11. 2 for Captain
Gardners expence for the British Seamen
it shall be duly placed to your Dr –
we find the the Minerva could not
truly take abaut 7/2 the oil we mentiond
in our last, of ours all the mark B R
& 1 Cask 205 Gls which you will find
by the Bills Lading. we beg leave to
trouble you to pay a bill of 5 guineas
this day to Sam'l Rathbone of Grendon
& are &c

To Jon'n Hastings Cork 21 98

Thine of yesterday we
rec'd with $120 for which we now inclose
$120 in bank

We are &c

82 James Andrews 6mo 21. 98

We are pleased to find by thine of yesterday that thou hast sold all but 29 Boxes of our Candles we shall be glad to send thee more as soon as conveyance offers — Subjoin'd is our note for $200 to answer thy proposal and hope payment for the candles will cancell it in due time we leave the blank for 30 or 60 dys in hast

We are &c

To John Beard 6mo 20 98

Stephen Cornell has this day left with us $600 & taken up his note than left in our hands for $700 with liberty of given it up if he pd in 3 weeks he wish'd for the Deed and desires it may be sent off when we will send thee the money — 21st Since the foregoing we have rec'd the Deed for Cornell in thy letter of the 19th and incloi'd thou hast a list of the money say $600 by Cap'n Pinkam for our trouble therein thou art entirely welcome Mess &c

To Jos Anthony &c 6mo 26 98

Yours esteemed favours of 21st & 23 inst & bill & bill are now before us — the former Covering bill Tea & Cracker and $96.17 duly Cr you — C Durants bill on

C Miller & Son has met acceptance & 83.
we doubt not will receive Just Ther honor
when o our Draft on you for $320 has also
met with due honor for all which we
feel verey gratefull & are under many
obligations to you. ~

We are very sorry to observe the extream
dull state of your market perticularly for
our staple commoditys & from the Stile
of your letters we dare not make you any
Shipment of either Oil or Candles by
the present conveyance ~ thanto you be
able to give us any encouragement we shall
forward some immeaditly ~ Yours of 6 inst
mentions G Gardners bill on P Penhain for
$100 we doubt not come safe ~~to hand~~ it
was rec^d in our AB absence and before his
return WR went to Nan^t and conclude
he took the bill with him when rec^d
it shall be duly rec^d to your Cr and advise
forwarded Thereafter. ~ We are &c
please to send us 4 bbl best Spend Flour —

84 Thos Dickason & Co 6mo 22. 98

Foregoing is Duplicate to our respects p the minerva & since which the several Parts of Invoices of Sp Oil sent by the Minerva we have now shipd on bd the merchant Capn Trail & inclosd you have a sketch of an invoice which you will please to receive and dispose off agreeable to advises by the minerva
we have a letter from Capn Gardner dated at Bremen Apl 4 he found a dull market for Oil but hope he will not be detaind we observe this wing by the Dublin papers the Imprudence is taken by a French Privateer carried into Genoa & in expectation of being cleard waiting Trial

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6mo 30. 1/2 98

To Wm Coffin

Anboard of the Delight Packet we have shipd to thy address 25 Casks Rice which we wish thee to receive and dispose of on the best terms possible for Cash or Short Credit it has ben offerd here for $2,50 ℔ C but that is about it Cost and very low. hope thou will be able to commans $3 for a part or all of this altho we do not wish to omit marketing it at $2.50 if more cant be had. If David Brownell should arrive at Nantucket thou may consult him respecting the Price thereof that will answer to sell it for.
the packet having rec. from onboard a Ship this morning we have omitted taking an Act of the weight. shall be obligd by thy transmitting a sketch thereof to regulate our Invoice — we are &c

To Jonathan Hasting 6mo 30.1798

Thy favour of 26th Inst inclosing $134 is safe at hand and agreable to request. inclosed we hand thee the same sum exchanged. we shall endeavour to forward it in Boston Bank if we can — please to send us such sum as thou wishes us to exchange, in amount that we can make with Boston Bank Bills. as otherwise we are under the necessity of forwarding some other Bank to make the exact sum — Wm Rotch &c — 6mo 30.1798

To Leonard & Crocker

Your obliging fav: of this Days Date with its contents of $400 is safe at hand & truly grateful shall be duly endorsed on your Note —

We trust you will not forget us in our necessitous situation, while we remain very respectfully your &c —

To Thaddeus Mayhew 6mo 30.1798

Thy favour of 23 inst by the Fame is duly before us, agreable to thy request thy Father has paid us $650 which is placed to thy Credit — and for the remaining $300. should any opportunity present we shall value on thee therefor. if we do not draw & thou has money in thy Fathers hands perhaps it may be convenient for him with thy liberty. to pay us that sum in case we should stand innied before any opportunity so presents — We have no whale Oil on hand nor is there much if any in town —

From the encouragement thou gave us of a market for Sperm Oil & Candles we have shipp'd to thy address by the Fame fifteen Casks & Thirty Boxes as by Invoice, which we

trust thou will use thy endeavours to market on the best terms for our interest possible ~ We shall endeavour to keep thee supplied with these articles so long as your market promises encouragement ~ we hope thou will be able to command 53/100 for the Candles, & make the Oil with us the Invoice but had rather it should be sold to good hands at that price than laying onhand in the heat of the Season ~ We have just drawn on the favour of Isaiah Hussey for Fifty eight Dollars which thou will please to honour when it appears ~ We are &c

To John G Ladd 7mo 3 1798

Thy 2 steemed favours of 5th & 12th Ult are both before us the former covering Invoice of 66 b. Flour & partial Sales of Oil & Duck all of which were to good satisfaction and are duly entered to thy acct with £55. 2 /pr Bentalou ~ The extreeme slowness of our Sales of Flour will prevent our ordering any by the return of Capt Keen this time ~ we intend Shipping to thy address by the present conveyance 4 few Casks Nails 10d Tatts & 4 few pieces more of Raven Duck which will be agreeable to Invoice indosed, and hope thou will be able to Command 4 price not reduced from the last sales and the Nails, we trust will be able to obtain 10 ₰ ℔ as thou quotes there worth ~ however we rely with entire Confidence, on thy ability to do every thing in thy power to serve their Interest ~ we are obliged by thy advancing for the purchase of Flour, previous to thy being in Cash for our acct and hope it will not be the Case in future ~ Provisions of almost all kinds are declining in price with us, as natural consequence in such times of impending Troubles ~ the Supreme Ruler of the Universe only knows our fate ~ We are &c

To Jonathan Hastings 7mo 3, 98

Thy favour of 1st by last evenings mail is duly at hand accompanied by our Bank Book & for the trouble we have given thee therewith please accept our thanks —

Also $168 in Nantucket Bank Notes inclosed which we have exchanged and herewith hand thee, the same amount in other Bank Bills — please to say if U S B notes or any of its Branches will answer equally with those of your own Town —

We duly received thine last week with $134 inclosed and agreable to request returns it by yesterdays Post, exchanged — we are &c

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To Joseph Hussey 7mo 5. 1798

Please to send us by first conveyance 150ft window glass 6by 8 —

We hope ere this thou has recd the whole ntpds of all the Sales made prior to our A B being in Boston and ~~hope~~ have long since become due of which please to inform us and also what progress has been made in the disposal of our last invoice of which sales are not rend

Weare &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 7mo 7. 1798

Inclosed we hand thee Isaac Hicks Draft on Joseph Howard for $1000 at 25 Days sight which we shall be obliged by thy presenting for acceptance, and when received place to our Credit — Weare &c

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To Jonathan Hastings 7mo 13.. 1798

Thine of 11th is before us, inclosing $63 — nantucket Bank Paper, which we have exchanged & is here inclosed — thy freinds Weare &c —

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To Joseph Anthony & Co. 7mo 7. 1798

We wrote yau by Capt. Norton under date 26th ult. - since which we are without any of yaur esteemed favaurs -

George Gardners Bill an Paul Pinkham was duly presented & for want of funds was not accepted. which Bill with is regularly protested. & the Bill & Protest are both here inclosed -

The Charges thereon amo. $2 shall be placed to the Debit of yaur accompt - We are &c

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To John T Ladd 7mo 10. 1798

We wrote thee on 3d inst. p the Druella Capt. Reen, who sailed for your Place on 4th by him we ship'd to thy address 23 pieces Ravens Duck & 3 Casks nails 10d Flatts which we wish safe to hand -

From the accompts we receive from Russia we apprehend their will not be so large importations of Ravens Duck as usual at least what does come will be much higher, that article with Ru Sheetings and other manufactories of the kind having already risen very much there - with the embarrasments our Commercial Trade is subject must occasion them to advance very considerably in this Country. these considerations taken into view, we had rather thou would not dispose of the Duck under $13 & 14 and doubt not its commanding $15 shortly, if thou thinks prudent to keep it - Ru Duck has advanced three or Four Dollars p piece - We are &c

We are &c

we are &c

Dupl. by Boston

Dupl. by

We had the pleasure of rec.
your esteemed favs dated March 8 / may a few
days since and are particularly oblig'd by your
friendly attention to our interest in authorizing
the Draft on Russia of £1000 Stg for which please
accept our thanks and we still hope B De Bary
ngue supported the confidence you placed
in them by making provision in
season to meet the payment of the Bills
they will certainly deceive us if they do
not, as we have not relied upon property
shipped to them solely, but have been lay
in advance that sum for their acc.
which we have not been able to realize
from demands they have in this Country
we still wish they may remit you
the money without knowing that we
have made any other arangements, as the
event of a war between this Country &
France may obstruct our recovery of our
demand upon them.

Fearfull that they may disapoint you
in that payment we have procured
the first bills we could take hold of to
reimburse you and now inclose 2 bills
on T Delius Bremen payable to your Order in London
are drawn by T Harand Junr for £500 and
the other by T Roth for £400. which you
will please to receive and place to the Cr.
of the Petersburg remittance if you have
not rec.d it from Dunkirk if you have

go you will please to place it to our Cr
the balance due to you we hope will
be remitted to Bremen as we shall
immediately order it on receiving letter
from St Delius not yet having rec'd any
we sincerely lament the unfortunate
situation of this Countrys approching
to, may seems inevitable & never do
we believe the spirit of a nation were
more instantly arroused than now
appears in America from one end of
the Continent to the other
But for this event we intended shipping
you some Coffee this summer we
now fear doing it untill there appears
more safety since writing thus
far this evenings mail has brt us a
letter from B De Bayque dated 18 April
wherein they say the D1000 is at your
command we therefore hope you have
availd yourselves thereof We are &c

Peter Rae Dalton

June 14 98

Thy very obliging favr
of the 10th inst we duly rec'd by last mail &
for thy attention to our request please accept
our thanks annexed we hand thee our draft on
J Hussey for $400 which we shall be additionally
oblig'd by thy rec't & pass to our Cr

Myers &c

To Isaac Hicks Jno 16. 98 91

Thy esteemed favr of Jno 2. & 4th Inst are now before us the box & four Casks Powder came safe to hand and $149.91 are duly placed to thy Cr. and we believe very good ~ Thy drft on H Dean for $345.33 has been duly honord by him and we doubt not will be pd at the expiration of the sight ~ The unpromising state of your market which thou gives us determins us not to forward any Sperm Oil by this conveyance should any further change therein take place do oblige us with information when we shall be glad to make thee a shipment of Oil & Candles we doubt not thou did the best possible for our Interest in the sale of the last parcel of Oil for which we shall be glad to have an a/c. thereof ~ We are &c

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Thaddeus Mayhew Jno 16. 98

Thy obligeng favr 30th ulto

Pr past we duly recd and notice its contents we have put on bd the Fame Saber 40 Boxes Sp Candles which with the 30 Boxes sent by the Fame last tripp & 30 Boxes thou had previously on hand makes in the 100 Boxes thou had a prospect of selling which thou hast our liberty to do if thou can make them net us 50 as under that we decline accepting the proposal consider'g the lenth of Cr that proposed bro

Agreeable to thy liberty in thy father's
letter for us to draw $250 - we have therefore
avail'd ourselves thereof and drew on thee
in fav^r Perry & Shoomer for $100 in fav^r
of A Coffin for $150 both of which thou
will please to honor when they make
their appearance bills bearing date 6mo 30

Inclos'd we hand the inv^e of 40 Bx^s
Candles per Same We are &c

7mo 17. 1798

To Thomas Dickason & Co

Above is Duplicate of our
last respects by the merchant Cap^t Foraill
by whom we shipp'd the several parcels
of Sp^d Ail intended to go by the Minerva
but were left not being able to get any a part
of the Invoices on b^d of her both of which
we hope will arrive safe — We are now
without any of your esteemed favours
since the departure of the merchant
nor have we any further intelligence
per the Minerva ~~or the~~ Cap^t Gardner
or Sloop Prudence Cap^t Russell we have
this day drawn on you in fav^r Walker
for $115 Stg which we shall be obliged
by your honoring when it appears —
At present the aspect of our Political
affairs looks very gloomy a war between
this Country & France seems fast
approaching We are &c

To Wm Allen Capt in W Rotch Jr book Imo 17. 98

To J & H Perkins Imo 18. 1798

Inclosed we forward thee you our Check on the Branch Bank for $1865 amount of Commission on damages awarded on Brig Union Capt Cattle by British Admiralty as directed by our friend Sam Bayard

Sum awarded £419.13.2 Stg
or $1865.15

We are &c

To James Andrews Imo 21. 1798

We have in course rec^d thy several favours of 25 Ult 2 & 7 Current in one of which we rec^d our Note to Cap^t West and are much obliged by thy attention thereto, the last covers Sales of 100 Boxes Candles which are to thy debt we wish the Credit to be as short as thou can make it and continue the Sale — the last of 10 month falls due a Note of ours to Eben Parsons for $2250 — we note in thy last Sales Candles to him $406 due Imo 5 if agreeable to thee and to him we should be glad to send thee a Check for the same sum now & have both sums endors'd on our Note, and if thou can put off any more Candles to him or Collect more money for our Accompt we shall be glad to have as much endorsed as thou can accommodate, finding it difficult to make arrangements that will not fail us —

We are &c

To Foster Swift Imo 19. 1798

We shall be obliged by thy sending us some Stamp'd paper as at foot for which we add our draft on Leonard & Crocker for the Amount say $14 — We are &c

41 Samps @ 4 Cents 41 @ 10 Cents 6 @ 50 Cents } 15.14
6 D^o @ 30 Cents 16 @ 25 Cent }
Discount 1.14 16. 0

94 To Isaac Hicks June 21 98

We wrote thee by the Fame Capt Taber who has waited several dys for a favourable wind — Last evining we recd by Capt Bennett the intelligence of the distruction made in your City by fire & the preservation of thy store & much property therefrom wherein we conclude we shanld have been sufferers if lost for which we feel thankfull — We have letters frm Capt Gardner of our Ship Minerva at Bremen as late as 4 inst when he had just discharg'd his Cargo & expected to sail for St Petersburg in abant 12 or 15 days where a Cargo was nearly all procured & in Store all passable dispatch will be observed to facilitate his departure frm Petersburg & Capt Gardner was resolved upon being one of the first ships out of the Baltic — we wish thou would have Insurance made upon Hull & Deck on B of him to the amot of $5000 if it can be done at not exceeding 15 p Ct frm St Petersburg to be port of discharge & leave the Policy open untill thou hears frm us again — as we have not heard of Capt Gardners arrival at Petersburg shanld any accident befall the Minerva we wish the insurance to be on the property to be if ship'd in any other Vessell; we leave the choice of offices to thee but wish when insured not to be obliged to take the risk ourselves & pay the premiums besides — thy earliest information in reply we shall be glad to receive for our

government in further insurance
please to say what are the value of Furskins
Skins with you & their worth in India —

To Jan^{y} Hastings

7mo 21 98

Since p^{r} this evenings
mail is now before us inclosing $112
Nat^{l} Bank Bills for which thau hast
here inclosed our check for that Amt^{o}
with 30 for Postage of three letters forwarded
some time since We are &c

To Sam^{l} Parkman 7mo 25. 98

I duly rec^{d} thy letter of
28 ult^{o} and delayed writing thee in hopes of
rec^{g} some payments from H H but have
been disapointed untill yesterday when
he p^{d} $150 for which thau hast inclosed
our Check in consequence thereof we gave
up both the note and book are signd by him
-self & father for balance of principle & Interest
$574.84 I hope in the fall they will be able
to pay it but believe it will then depend
upon the arrival of a Ship from the East

1 note -- $133.17
Interest 7.86 141.3
1D^{o} Intst after 90 day^{s} from
24 may 97 } 548.18

1 3mo Int^{t} the note for
bal^{ce} being for 2 m^{s} after 60 day^{s} } 35.63
583.81
724.84
150
574 84 balance due

I am &c

96 To Leonard & Crocker June 28 98

Your esteemed fav 16th

we duly rec^d with G Williams sec^r inclos^d which is endorsed on your note also also the Strike Rods & nails come safe to hand the Rods were too small for Strikes those sent last year were a very suitable size we believe there is still due on your note about $1300 or $1400 and our engagements are such we see no way of complying with them without your assistance of the balance was it not for the pressing calls of necessity we should be happy in granting further indulgence but at present we see no way of discharging our engagements with punctuality without soliciting your aid Weeve & we request you would pay Dr Swift $3.50 for sundry stamps we had of him last week

To Morand & Arnault June 28 98

We wrote you 10th Inst via Newport by whom we ship'd to your address 50 ℔ Candles 10 Casks Linseed Oil & a Bale of Ticklenburg which we hope reach'd you in safety and ere this has met a favourable sale since which period we have been anxiously waiting the rec^t of your letter inclosing Sales of the 35 Boxes of Candles sent you by the Franklin which your letter of June 23 mention'd were sold at a short C^r & that you were

upon the book out for a bill to remit us the proceeds & should pay particular attention thereto in which we trust you have long since succeeded and that it will come to hand very shortly- If on the rect of this you should not forwarded us a draft and the proceeds of the Candles or other articles be realized we request if no good Bill be met with you will forward us the amount in US B Bills by two seperate mails cutting the Bills in two and inclose half of each bill by each conveyance please to accommodate us with those of the most Northern branches you can - If you have not disposed of the Duck and not a prospect of immediate sale at a good price we request you would ship it to N York consigned to P Hicks for sale on our acct where it commands $22 & we expects it will still advance

We are &c

To Joseph Taylor

Jmo 28. 1798

Yours of 20th inst. we duly received the premium than supposed would be asked for Insurance on the Minerva was higher than we apprehended- considering the situation of the North Seas at the time he probably came out. & from the reduced number of French Cruisers on this Coast (& still decreasing we hope) all of which the Underwriters doubtless will take into view, with Capt Gardners having been several times boarded in the Channell by the French & treated Politely, from the knowledge he will obtain in Europe of the State of Political affairs he will no doubt take every precaution possible to avoid

being seen and the greatest dispatch in his power he must know is requisite to secure his safe arrival, taking into view these circumstances with his full determination to be one of the first Ships out of the Baltic, & the probability of his being likely to succeed therein, we cannot suppose but the Under.rs will think 15 ₰ Cent an adequate premium to the risks, & at which Capt. Swain had same done a fortnight day since at thy office onboard of the same Ship —

We wish thou would have $5000 covered for our a/c on Hemp & Duck onboard of the Minerva, (with liberty for it to come in same other vessel as mentioned in ours of the 11th in case of accident to the Minerva) from Petersburg to her Port of dischage in the U States. if it can be done at not exceeding 15 ₰ Ct. — Please the Policy open until thou hears from us again —

We request thou would be particular in the choice of names, that by has our property insured we shall be made safe, sensible thou art well aware, the difficulties of the times must try the Standing of many, we rely with the fullest confidence on thy judgment herein — we are thy friends —

To Joseph Taylor

Phila 4. 98

Thy obliging favr of 1st inst

we duly recd & for thy attention to our several letters on the subject of Insurance please accept our thanks — we regretted thy not being able to effect the Insurance at our limits since the rect of thine we have information of our orders therefor being executed at York for 15 ₰ Ct we shall for the present defer having any made in Boston

Wm & Jc

To Jan^{y} Hastings Brno 4. 98

Thine per this evening's mail is just at hand covering $87 which agreeable to request we now inclose our check for that and Inclosed is our B Book which wish thou to hand to the Cashier & when ajusted shall be obliged by thy returning it to us — We are &c

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To Isaac Hicks

Brno 4. 98

Thy esteemed favr 28 ult is now before us & note thy having made the Insurance as requested we now request thou would have $5000 more insured on Hemp & Duck on bd the Vessell Minerva Gardner fm Petersburg to her port of Discharge if it can be done at same terms as the other $5000 say 15 p Ct — Should any accident happen to the Minerva which we do not anticipate that should prevent her receiving the goods & they should be ship'd on bd any other vessel we wish the Policy to be binding thereon if consistant with the rules of the Office — we shall be oblig'd by thy information for the State of your market for Hemp Duck & Iron & the probable demand 1 or 2 months hence for these articles should the Minerva arrive in season we contemplate making thee a Shipment to the amt of sum insured at least sufficient to cancel the Premiums which if we should and it is thy practice to make Insurance on Property consigned

100 without charging a Commission we doubt not thou will give us Cr for this in the Policys — Shaw to Harod & Arrault of Charleston ship thee same Duck for our acc[t] please dispose of it on the best terms thou can — We are &c requested $3000 Dollars Insurance to be made on the Ship Minerva of same Letter. this sum is on the particular acc[t] of Ab[m] Barker — we are &c

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To Wm Coffin — 8mo 9. 98
By Capt[n] Pinkham

have sent thee agreeable to request 1 side of leather & 2 drawing knives with a statement of thy acc[t] Balance due thee $9.80 which we have also handed to Capt[n] Pinkam and at foot is a rec[t] therefor which if thou finds free from error please sign & transmit to us — B Faber fixed the deduction on the W Boat for its unjust stale $2 less than one compleat

W & C

To Benjamin Williams — 8mo 11. 1798

Thy Letter of April 24th we duly rec[d] and note the ~~contents~~ disappointment a relinquishing of our Contract for the 100m Bricks would occasion — we therefore made our arrangements accordingly, and sold a part of the Bricks to be delivered at the time thou agreed upon, not having heard any thing from thee since — and nearly 1 month of the time having already elapsed since they were to have ben here, leaves us at a to determin wither we are to depend upon them or not — If thou still expects us to take them we wish thou would

lose no time in getting them here as we are now called upon by those to whome we have sold — we shall be obligd by thy answer by return of Post —

We received account yesterday by an arrival at Nantucket from the Pacific Ocean from our Ship Barclay 6 p months out had obtaind 250 bbl. Sperm Oil & her Skinning Company were landed at their intended Island, we conclude they were all well but have not rec.d so particular information as we expect to by next Packet — no particular accompt from any other Ship — we shall be obligd by thy informing Elijah Stoddard's wife of this intelligence — we are &c

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To Leonard & Crocker

8 mo 11. 1798

your esteem.d favour of 9.th current enclosing $ 200 we duly rec.d and endorsed on your Note — Richard Delano Junr. draft has been recantly paid

The account you transmitted us of sums paid agrees with yours except the bill of nails that you have £97. 8. 3 & we have the same Bill £97. 8. 3 please to examine & find which sum which it should be — the first endorsment on the note we suppose to be Balance ove paid on a former note & which you have not mentiond from which we have deducted the amo.t of half a Ton Rods, for which we paid you in settlement of that note supposing we had rec.d a Ton instead of ½ a Ton —

A sketch of the sums paid & Interest on note is here annexed which if you find free from error leave a balance now due to us of $ 633.. 69 the sums paid exceeds our original calculation by $ 400 having omitted endorsing that sum last rec.d — you are too well acquainted with our necessities

to render it necessary for us to mention how acceptable the Balance will be — We look for our Ship Minerva from Petersburg in all this month, by which we expect a considerable Bar Iron, should she arrive safe and you are in want, we flatter ourselves we shall be able to make the terms agreable — We are &c

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To Jan^{a} Hastings 8 mo 16. 98

Inclosed we hand thee Jam^{s} Percivals Check on Map^{t} Bank for $ 625 — which we wish thee to remit forward to us by next Post — We are &c —

To Brothers De Bayne (Duplicate p^{r} I Hyfry) Nantes 8 mo 1. 98

We have several of your fav^{rs} unanswered under dates from November to ~~Febry~~ 13 April which have all reached us in safety but not having them all before us cannot particularly refer to each we have been much disapointed in finding our Oil sold as mentiond in some of your former letters but have you have long since found a market for it we are much obliged by your guarantee to G Smith & Co Hamburg for £1000 Stg which has been applied to our use & we hope you have met their bills as it was not in our power to make arrangments to prevent your advancing the money last winter when we were preparing funds for the Minerva's Cargo She we suppose is now on her passage and hope for ~~her~~ of her arrival in all this no Ow rec^{d} your favour of 9 mo 7 we renewed our endeavours to procure a Settlement

with I Coffin and after many fruitless attempts brt an action for the S Court but after being served with a writ he consented to a reference and believing it more safe and less tedious than to continue in the Law we agreed with him to submit the whole demand to J Haviland of N Bedford I Coffin Esq^r & G Folger Jn^r of this place which has brt our WRJ here this week to attend thereto and this morning we have rec^d their award which is for I Coffin to pay for your Acc^t $2133.30 in 30 days as we had stated your Acc^t our demand amounted to $2842.20 upon what principle they have varied I have not yet found but knowing them to be men of strict honor & integrity I cannot doubt their having acted upon warrantable principles —

In our arguments we were fettered with the 220 ^Tr^ p^r^ Coffin & if you had only ch^d Lines en^d to make that sum equal I had not furnish'd him in your own hand a little sketch of £34 return premium perhaps C^o^ at 30 & Ch^d at 45 sum to balance it at 75 I doubt not of having recouvered the whole demand as that gave him some pretence for non settlement & we suppose thereupon they disallow'd the Interest we had Ch^d in the Acc^t exceed $600 — our WRJr will endeavour to close with I Macy & I Coffin but Macy alledges he has not yet rec^d payment for the Alexander neither has all the money been rec^d fm the underwriters upon the Amn perhaps before this is closed we may give some further Acc^t of these matters —

we sincerely lament the difference between our country & yours and ardently wish they may very

104 To George Folger & S & J Coffin 8 mo 16. 98
Duplicate of 3

Our W.R. suggested to you while on the Island that he apprehended one error in our Acc.t against S Coffin had misled your award the sum of $146.77 being both Cr. & Charged & the probability is you allowed it only in his Cr. of course S.C. is favoured twice that sum & you apprehending that if you could look over the acc.t presented by Coffin which we find is in your chairmans hands you could discover it we shall endeavour to procure a Copy & inclose you where you will see he Cr. the sum as so much he had rec.d of our W.R. J Hawland has doubtless communicated to S.C. his Ideas being clear the error was made and as we have no doubt your aim has been to do strict Justice & do not mean to call the principle in question upon which you grounded your judgment we hope you will be willing to use your influence with S.C. to alter the award to what appears to you will be right — and if Shubael objects to that you must be convinced he does not mean to do justice and in that case we must be obliged to prove the error to the court and have the report recommitted for the refferees to alter it Legally which is the common practice in such cases — since our W.R. return we find one sum to S.C. Cr. & two to his D.r overlooking standing in his private Acc.t wherein he was settled with for the balance W.R. and the Ship Brothers say £132.1.10 all which you will find explained in the Acc.ts Inclosed not being an exact copy of the acc.t laid before you No 2 his Private Acc.t with W.m Rotch Jun.r & No 3 State of the Acc.t as it will stand with your correcting upon the Principle you decided upon

No. 4 a copy of S & Co acct as laid before you by the references A & B in the several accounts you will readily see how they arrigenated

We shall be much obligee by your attention to this business as early as may be & informing us the result

We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

8 mo 21 1798

Thy obliging favour of 17th ults we duly received — We now inclose Thaddeus Mayhews draft on Joseph Gardner Junr. for $700 which we shall be obliged by thy receiving and place to the C. of our Acct.

we are &c

To J Jackson

8 mo 21 1798

Thy favour of we duly rec. We shall be obliged by thy sending us the annexed memorandum of Blank Stamps for which we inclose thee our Check on the Bank for $52 the ~~same~~ amount

We are &c

101	Stamps	@ 4 Cents	101	Ditto	@ 10 Cents
40	Ditto	@ 25 D...	10	Ditto	@ 30 Ditto
20	Ditto	@ 20 Ditto	20	Ditto	@ 50 Ditto
20	Ditto	@ 75 Ditto...	2	Ditto	@ 4 Ditto

To E Eldridge

8 mo 22. 98

Inclosed I hand thee my Account Amo $8.75 due to me which may have slipt thy memory I have drawn an order in favour of Jethro for that sum of this date which thou will please pay when it appears

I am &c for W R Jr & Co

W R & Co

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To Borothes DeBayque 8 mo 29. 98

Peter Revera paid us a few days past $618 in Specie & notes of hand which we have past to his Cr the said Jm this port yesterday in the Ship Sarah Eas J Hawes bound to Norfolk in Virg to take a load of Tobaco & proceed to Europe, if any accident should befal Peter to prevent his returning he wishes his parents should receive the money We are &c

(sent with Duplicate to a former letter.)

Jan.r Hastings 8 mo 25. 98

Thy two favr of 18th & 24th inst. we duly rec.d. the former inclosing $525 & the latter $1114 — we here inclose an Check for the last am.t exchanged as requested — we are &c

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To W H Newett 8 mo 29. 98

Capn Newell informs us that we requested him not to discharge the Sailors belonging to the America on looking at his Shipping Paper we find the contract was only to go to Canton & back to the US states that they cannot be detaind unless the Ship goes to Boston this not being a port of Discharge they may be compelld to go there the C Mate seems willing to continue the Voyage to Hamburg but having fulfild the first contract will not — Young Clement is here and says it would be a question whether the underwriters would be holden if Capture should take place between this & Hamburg without their approbation & the retaking the Ship

& consenting to continue the risk but 197
this Thou hast doubtless taken due counsel
Clement is determind to take Legal steps
to retain his property or through the risk
on the owners and as he is willing to pay
the Hamburg Frt in Boston and considering
the Sailors have a Legal remidy both for
those now here & those that were taken
out at St Helena it appears to us that if
a tolerable compromise could be made
with the underwriters it would be most for
the Interest of the owner to order the Ship
to Boston & there terminate the risk
we suggest our own sentiments not
doubting at the same time thy attention
in consulting the friends of our mutual
Frd & Dfs who are much more competent
to judge than ourselves — The America is
nearly ready for Sea except the want of Seamen
these we have no doubt will be readily
obtaind as soon as the business is settled with
the mate the necessary provisions & Sails
are all on Bd

We are &c

To John G Ladd 9mo 13. 1798

Thy two favours of have been
duly rec^d handed us, and hope ere this thou has been able to
dispose of the 4 Casks Nails & twenty three p^s Ra Duck & con-
-siderable part of the Linseed Oil in thy hands — what ever thou
has been able to realize therefrom, we wish thou would Ship
us by Capt Kerr in good Fine & Spring Flour fr in each sort if not exced
-ing 40 Barrels in all — or if thou can exchange some of those
Articles for Flour on good terms we wish thou to do it to come by
this conveyance — Linens of all kinds & particular Ra Duck & Sheetings
comes very high from Russia this season 50 or 75 ₱ Ct advance from last year

106 To John Christy Junr

Newbedford
9mo 12. 98

Thine of yesterdays date came safe to hand covering the 1st & 2nd Bill of exchange of the same date for £50 Stg on John Christy Mrc Lurgan Ireland payable in London at 30 dys St with letters of advise for the same which we shall forward the first by the Brig Joseph Henry Capn Paddock from this place for London & the other by the most direct & safest way for the same place — as soon as said Bill is paid and we have information of its being placed to our Cr we hereby hold ourselves accountable to the for the same

We are &c

To Wm H Hewett

9mo 13. 1798

We wrote thee by last Post inforining Capt Newell said the day preceding here this hope he is safe in your harbour

Thine of the 31st Ulto which we omitted acknowledging when we last wrote is duly to hand & contents attended to — Inclosed is the Account of disbursments on the America amot $1739. 55 which we shall draw for on pur Cashier of the Branch Bank —

We have accordingly given him a ordr on thee for $1000 of this date which we shall be obliged by thy honouring when it appears

We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton 9 mo 13. 98 109

Inclosed we hand thee our order on S Dpi for $1000 which we shall be obliged by thy collecting & placing to our Cr. We are &c &c

Inclosed is our Check for 20 Postage omitted

To Jan Hastings 9 mo 13. 1798

Thine by this evenings Post inclosing one hundred & nine Dollars is duly at hand for which we now return thee our Check for the same Sum

We are &c

To Shubael Coffin 9 mo 15. 1798

Thine of 11 inst rec this afternoon and having been confind with dysentary more than a week I felt in too weeks a State of body, to receive with any degree of pleasure a letter that I consider an insult upon me

Thou must know the first offer I made thee to take $1000 M C was on conditions thy settling the accompt with me upon just and equitable principles since by thy represen-tations of De Baugues stating thee thou has obtaind an award nearly $1000 out of their favour and what thou knows is their just due I can think it nothing but an insult the demand thou makes— as to the other business of $700 thy attachment was withdrawn upon Shubael Coffin responsibility and my proposition not being accepted neither when I made it nor even when the time of payment

comes I am entirely clear of that and look to thee for the whole sum awarded and wish thee to remit in the course of next week otherwise as the award has been accepted at the Court the law must take its course as I can be baffled and insulted no longer

William Rotch Jr.

To Isaac Hicks

9 mo 15. 98

Thy obliging favr of 11 & 30 ult[o] we duly rec[d] & notice in the former thy having the Insurance last orderd effected & is duly entred on our Books for thy attention thereto we feel obliged several unexpected detentions must have happend to Gay Gordon to prevent his arrival ere this we are now in dayly expectation of seeing him but do not by any means consider him long out on last letters from Petersburg mention he expected to get away in all the 8[th] month — Should your market so much change as to promise a possable market for part of the Minerva's Cargo we shall attend to give thee early information of her arrival — Thy draft on J Haviland for $1000 was duly rec[d] & has been punctually p[d] the rec[t] thereof not being acknowledged was an omission in us for which we feel ourselves Censurable — R Delano p[d] us $280 for thy acc[t] some time since of which conclude he has informed thee & yesterday he p[d] us $9 more both of which are to thy Cr & shall note them subject to thy direction & give J Barker (who with our AB went yesterday to see him) encouragement (which with

purcutal men might be esteemed a promise to pay $100 more in the course of next week every assistance in our power to render Ja we shall willingly do it he will doubtless inform thee of having taken H H & C & L & P notes for thy security on the premium of Shin Jans which we consider will make the safe they have had letters from Capt Clark & Mack for his return this fall or winter We here inclose the Beals order on John Thornton for $50 which if he owes him any think we with very much forget it pd & as Beals is bound to York we wish thou wants endeavour to get his acceptance so as to prevent Beals from getting the whole which if he gets there before the order is as likely to do as not he Says Thornton told him the money Shan'd be pd in 3 weeks from early in last month we believe he keeps the ferry access to Bracklin when thou rec'v it please pass the amt to our Credit & advise us thereof

9 mo 18 1798

To Joseph & William Russell

Your favour 10th July to our W R just came duly to hand, since which we have endeavoured to get Allen & Butler's Note for £18.4 cancelled, but have not been able effect it, we however look upon them quite safe for the deficiency & shall here inclose the amount thereof; for your accommodation in closing your Account & we are &c

112 To Thos Dickason & Co 9mo 17. 1798

Since our last p the Merch.

duplicate of which you will now find here=
=with we have rec'd you esteemed fav'r dated
27th March 20th may & 5 June & are pleased to
find Gauvernment has p'd You £57. 11. 2 on Acc't
of the minerva which we have duly placed
to your Dr. we likewise Dr you Hemptons
small Bill drawn by Belgan & Co for £6. 10. 3
which we suppose to be right ~ Your
intelligence fm Hemptan was the first
we had rec'd & are pleased fm his misfortune
he was able to forward you £370 Damages ~
we have just learn'd he arrived safe at 20th
Bilboa & was ready to sail for this Port 23 Jne
it is long that he is not in but report says
after having his Cargo on Board in Cash the
danger was so great he landed it & order'd it
remitted from Madrid to Hamburg ~ we
duly Cr. you £79. 7 Insurance on the Eliza fm
Jersey to Bilboa & are now glad no more was
effected we are much obliged by your early
communication of intelligence both respecting
the Elbra & Minerva the latter we now daily
expect hearing of her being loaded at Cronstadt

we hear the Prudence Russell was cleared
at Genoa & had arrived at Marsales where he
will doubtless disappoint us in having any
part of his Cargo remitted to you ~ we
now inclose you two Bills of exchange
which please to place to our Cr. on Mr Swain
on yourselves in fav'r T Harard for ~~£112~~ £112 10
being the sum he assigns him for the remittance
fm Dunkirk since the first assignment which
you transfer'd to our Cr. he still expects

a further sum from the same way: the other
from John Christy Jr on John Christy Lurgan
at 30 dys for £50 in London as we have again
availed ourselves of an occaison to fill up a
small Brig with Oil to your address she
came from Nantucket with expectation of
taken nearly 50 tons for our Acc but falls
far short you have invoice & Bill Lading
of 69 Casks abt 20 Tons p the J Harvey Capt
R Paddock of North Carolinia who having
met shipwreck on his passage from
Carolina for Oporto put into Nantucket
refitted & accepted this small frt which
we fear will fail doing much to his advan-
-tage and having had occasion for Consi-
-derable supplies which we have granted
you will find the sum endorsed on his B/L
of Lading say £96.19.9 Stg We have divided this small
shipment in our family & request if
it arrives safe you will place one fifth
of the Nett Proc to the respective Accts of
S Rodman ~~& Hazard Jr~~ Ben Rotch ~~Tho Rotch~~
& ourselves Cr us for the advance on Acc
of the frt We are very sorry to find
on the advance on the Duty of Oil at this time
but as we can find no other market we
must send what we have to London let
the disadvantages be what they may we
hope the Miners will shortly arrive
when we have in contemplation to
ship 100 tons more & hope to obtain some
more frt from Nantucket or fill her up
with Lumber

114 Dear Brother
Benr Rotch

New Bedf 9 mo 18. 98

Thine of 4 mo 10 came to hand abt 13. 5 mo at the time our Family had 50 tons oil in the coasters for the Minerva Turner much of it was shut out & went in the merchant Traill in the qr was 10 tons mark'd BR in our invoice with 20 tons for our own acc[t] but as it was not gone & thine of 4 mo 10 d[o] after speaking of the high insurance "indeed I feel so discouraged abt the safety of Property coming this way I should not wish to have any stir'd on my acc[t] we therefore put the whole to our own acc[t] we prefer sending off in small parcells as we concluded it would not answer to ~~send~~ pay Insurance by the succeeding letters to myself & my Father I find myself more at liberty & shall therefore without future counter orders put some in each conveyance for acc[t] of my agency as we can find no market in this country adequate to its cost we have just filled up the Brig Joseph Harvey of Carolina R Paddock master with 26 tons he expected to take near twice that quantity this goes in fifths for acc[t] of our family SR SH 5R BR & MR & Co all the preceding cargoes of the Ames have been realiz'd by the old Company that cargo was also so considered & Father & I gave up their parts on acc[t] of my agency the Voyage is all considered as purchased at £60 & £90 & in order that his property should not be idle we considered him so interested in the manufactory which had for its Stock last year upwards of 400 Tons & head matter and be nearly $100 000 the Candles are mostly gone to market & the oil supposing between 50 & 60 tons yet on hand SR is also considered with us. If the Minerva arrives we think of sending her to London with 100 tons for the Family perhaps 15 or 20 of the 50 or 60 may then go & if future

conveyance presents shall forward in small parcells as we have yet made no insurance

Two Cargos Pat & San[t] fm Peru have been sold this summer at 55 to 58 & 85 to 88 twe high for any prospects of advantage — we hear of the Barclay 3 mo last of Mayaguana with 200 Bls Oil & 2000 skins & a good prospects of both oil & Skins not likely to leave that cast to return home until 3 mo next unless fill'd up before — S Russell & Sons say they have desired T D & Co to take up Coffin Whipple & they award a 1/4 of the Ton we 1/8 she was captured on her passage fm Brazil by a Repell fm Cayenne & carried to Gaudalope & condemned pretence wanted Role de Equipage we loose $3000 by her — the Lydia we hear round the cape 1 mo no whale since which a Report of her having near 50 tons in 3[d] month we are seeking its truth we shall look for her late this fall I think I wrote thee we had $8000 insured upon the whole of her at 15 to return 5 if she returned safe & free from average — 4000 on each half — when we apprised that report to be true we intend insuring more home — 33 1/3 has since been ask'd but it lowers last we hope to get it done back at 15 to 20 —

As we had an[y] $34 assis'd last year upon each bridge share & by 10 tons whale oil shipp'd to Bilbo by Hawes last year for thy Acc[t] we cleard enough to pay thare assessments on the 10 Shares allotted thee upon thy former request I think it best to continue them all for thy Acc[t] — I hope the business we do here for thy Acc[t] will net much more than pay all the assessments

If thou wishes to avail thyself in London of any money we realize on thy Acc[t] out of the Stock or wishes to have a continuance in the concern please to signify it and we shall be govern accordingly it is no trouble to us —

If the Lydia comes in this fall I think it best half her ~~cargo~~ Voyage be considered in our Manufactory Stock unless thou orders Otherwise — we shall gladly give the opportunity of becopeting thyself by the next shipment

116 of Oil the invoice so trifling quantity and so blended with other we did not know how to manage agreeably but thou may claim the Shipment wholly if thou sees any advantage in it only let the ffes be placed to respective Drs John Duff is mate of the Eliza Kempton I wonder he did not write thee for Jersey she arrived at Bilboa & was ready to sail 23d ins its time they were here the arm has proved abundantly more defective than we expected have had more than 100 timbers put in her body new breast hooks fore & aft new transums & all new wails are now going in her her Rigging is also all gone — for the first appearance of war every thing stagnated in our Country & we stopd the carpenters in order to have her labour secured which having effected they are going on briskly & we shall forward her with all dispatch — but she will be unavoidably late shall consider thy plan & perhaps pursue it but as they buy the skins at this island they are only fit for the Canton market & I think & ~~I think~~ when once procured & as long as the war lasts its best to send a Ship to take them to Canton if we can send out 3 ships and let one go on and let the other two take the oil of the 3 back I think I think it will be the best plan — I yet gain no intelligence of the fair Lady when I do shall try to secure thee — I am much obliged by thy attention to the little matter 3000 Brick was the number requested — I hope the locket teeth will not be forgotten

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To James Andrews 9m 20

We delayd replying to thy favr of 29 ult. hopg for a conveyance to forward the some Candles as yet none has offrd. we intend to send them via Nantucket. We daily look for Capt Gardner, should he arrive what is thy

prospect for the Sale of Rupea & Ravens Duck. Shubrey & Iron. — Will thou be so kind as to pay the ft. & duty upon a Small box of Hosiery & the Magnet Capt Choat. for Henry Dean & Co. in which package we are interested in some family Matters. inclosed is the bill Lading. The Nett Cost of Invoice is £41.18.8 1/2. if the Invoice is necessary it shall be sent. but as thou & we are both known to the Collector, conclude it is not necessary. — please forward the Bag by first Nantucket Vessel — we are

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Jan^a Hastings 9mo 20. 98

Thine of yesterday date inclosing $70 is duly at hand & we inclose thee an Ideheck for that amt —

Please put the inclosed letter to G Smith & in the first Shins bag that goes to Hamburg

we are &c

Isaac Hicks 9mo 22 1798

Foregoing is duplicate of ours sent thee p Post a few days past, since which we are without any of thy esteemed favour — Jacob Barker is this day engaged in endeavouring to obtain payment from R Delano for thy last Acompt that he has not time to write thee by this conveyance —

If the Furnaces are at work, we wish thou would get us cast the annexed memorandum & forward by the first conveyance, they are for our Spining Works now erecting if thou can obtain them to come by the Farme we should be glad —

2 Gudeons for Water Wheel Shaft
16 Inches through 1 Ditto 10 Inches 1 D^o 8 Inches

New Bedford 9mo 20. 1798

Philo. Stoddard

Thy 2 favours of Aug 16 & 2 ult are at hand — we have so much property onboard the Ship where thy Husband has gone that we wish not to increase our Risk therein, but with thy liberty to have Insurance made on what we have and may advance for his Account we will consent to supply thee with some money, but that is an article so scarce with us and hard to get, that we shall be under necessity of doing it sparingly — thy Friend &c

Peter R Dalton 9mo 22. 1798

Thy obliging favour of 15th inst we have before us, and we now Inclose Thomas Rotch's Draft on Joseph Hussey of this date for $500 at 5 days sight & our own draft on Thomas Duncan Junr. for $797.67 at sight both of which we wish — thou would receive & place to our Cr. Ware &c

To Thomas Dickason Junr. 9mo 22. 1798

Jonathan Hastings

Thy favour of yesterdays inclosing One hundred and Eight Dollars we duly receivd and agreeable to request here inclose our Check for the same amount — Ware &c

9mo 22, 98

To Wm Nevett

Thy three several favours of 17th 18th & 20th are duly at hand and notice their Contents Annexed we hand thee our additional Bill against the America

and unless their are some not yet brought in this will close her accompts — for the Balance of her Disbursments with the sums paid since the Accompt was rendered amounting to $ 797. 67 we have this day drawn on Thomas Dickason Junr. for. at sight. in favour of the Cashier of the U S Bank, which thou will please to honour when it appears — The Black man now at work onboard the america, we have not charged in the annexed accompt, supposing thou will settle with him when discharged. his wages would have been $ 5 with thy paying him $ 2 that being deducted from the above mentiond sum reduces our draft to the Cashier to $ 797. 67

we are &c

To James Andrew 9 mo 27. 98

Thy obliging favr. of 22d. is now before & am obliged by thy communications therein the Universal Capt Gardner we are in dayly expectation will arrive — The Invoice for the Bale of Goods is here inclosed which thou will please to Shew by first conveyance either to this place or Nantucket Annexed we hand the invoice of 100 Boxes Spurm Candles p/r the Schoo Lark Capt Brandon who is still here in the River & will be cleared as soon as possable & hope thou will be able to command a speedy Sale —

Aunt Rebecca has recovered from her late indisposition

We are

120 To Gibbs & Channing 10 mo 2. 1798

Yours of yesterday we rec^d and are sorry your information was wrong respecting our having the knees as we should have been glad of an opportunity of serving you — the part of the Ships frame belonging to our W R^s brothers, has no knees neither are there any within our knowledge by any means large enough for your dimentions

We will send you 50 Boxes Candles at 50 Cents discounting 2½ ℔ct a tons^th & can send them by Allen who takes some fr^t room for Cap^n Earl the first wind if we can receive your order in season — please inform us if your fr^d N Russell of Charlestown is yet in the Commission line & wants be willing to receive a Consignment of $2000 or $3000 from us — We are &c

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To Wm Coffin 10 mo 1. 98

Thy fav^r of 8 mo 30 we duly rec^d & observe the Contents — the balance of Thy Ac^t with W R^s (which is the last we sent) thou will notice is transferd to Thy Ac^t settled balance one thou of $9.8/100 which thou has rec^d agreeable to Thy req^t which cancels both the above Ac^ts & leaves us indebted to thee for the anntions mentiond in Thy letter of 8 Gl Oil & 5 ℔ Wht Lead which we now remit thee agreeable to annexed bill amount $1183 by Cap^n Pinkham — We are &c

Since the preceding by Capt Paddock who sails the 20 ult° we have rec^d yours of June the 17th per Capt Odell & are obliged by your information respecting Kempton & are pleased we have it in our power to inform you he arrived here this day — he remitted his Cargo in Bills on London at a heavy loss to Jno Smith & Co Hamburg, but not greater than this insurance would have been upon his money — we regret he had not sent them for us but in our Orders we feard mentioning an English house least the republicans would have made a pretence to condemn the Cargo if taken, as English property ——

We shall now write to Jno Smith & Co requesting them to place the money at your command or about £1500 Stg & solicit your acceptance of our bills for that sum when they appear hoping there will be no delay on the part of Smith & Co and aid ~~them~~ your taken them up with our own money if it should happen otherwise than we wish we flatter ourselves you will still honour them which will much oblige us — Inclosed we hand you Wm Ains & J Christy first 2^d Bills & Capt Paddock's 2^d bill Lading with J Christys letter of advise to your care —

We are &c

To George Smith & Co Journal 2. 98

Foregoing is triplicate to our last respects since which we remain without any of your esteemed favrs — Duplicate we forwarded a few dys since Via Barton ——

122 wherein we noticed having heard fm Capt
Kempton at Bilboa in a small Brig of ours &
from the great risks in bringing property fm
that port we expected he would make you
some remittance on our Acct since which we
have the pleasure of seeing him safe returned
to this port yesterday — and informs us he remitted
you fm Bilboa £1604.9.11 Stg payable in London
in Ventura Francisco Ganer de Catorre & Xaviera
= vecinas bill at 1/2 usance on Maitland Sterry
& Nettleship for £894.9.11 & following bill by
Gordick & Bayo on Jerch Kempton Hill San & Co.
of Bristol for £683.5.11 & James Campbell
Anderson for £19.17.10 and on John Mitchell
Peres both of London for £6.16.3 the first & 2d of
exchange for the same he forwarded you
fm Bilboa one by mail & the other by a water
conveyance which we have duly came to hand
least they should not have reached you we
improve the earliest opportunity to forward you
their third bills for the same which we now
inclose with the 3d bills of F Moxard for £500
and I Roth for £400 on F Delius Bremen
both payable in London — As we wish soon
to avail ourselves of Capt Kempton remittance
and their being a greater discount upon bills
drawn on Hamburg payable in London than on London
draw immediately on our frds F Dukas San & Co London
for £1500 Stg and wish you would authorize our
Ld friends to receive the balance of our Acct to
meet said drafts or request your frds in London
to take them up we prefer this mode from
the responsibility of those bills fm Bilboa not
meeting due honour in which case our Ld
friends we expect will not let our Credit

Suffer — You will doubtless should any 23
of the bills be protested return them to Bilboa
to your frd to secure repayment indeed we
confide in your care to act for us as for your-
=selves we however have confidence in the
bills — Should any thing prevent the pay-
=ment of the two bills on Dilues & you are
yet without remittance from Dunkirk — it
is our chaice that you Dr us for the Bilboa
drafts to balance of the £1000 you obligingly
furnished us with from Petersburg and that
the final balance will only be in the
hands of Dickason & Co — We are &c

To Joseph Byrnes 10 mo 3. 1798

Thy obliging favour inclosing price Current
of your Market we duly received — By Capt John Earl Junr
from Newport we have shipd to thy address 21 Casks Straind
Spermaceti Oil agreeable to Invoice here inclosed —
we hope thou will be able to find aready demand, at a good
Price, for the same — and hope thou will be able to make
early remittance therefor, and thereby obviate the delay,
hitherto experienced in obtaining the N Pds of Property after
Sales have fallen due, in your City — Please inform us the pros-
-pect of a further demand for this Article at your Market, allways
having it on hand, we shall be glad to keep thee supplyed —

We are &c

We remain &c —

10 mo 3. 1798

To Hazard & Aycrault

We wrote yair on the 28th of 7mo informing we had shipd to yair addrss by Capt Earl from Newport, 50 Boxes Spermt Candles & 10 casks Linseed oil with a Bale of Tiklenburg, since which never from the time of said Shipment in 6th mo last, we are without any of yair favours, & from yair aparances on 23rd of 9 mo we have expected to hear from yair, with the promised remittance, for thepds of the 35 Boxes candles, which would then shortly fall due — In our 7mo 28. we requested yair would ship the Duck, if unsold, to New York, consignd to J Hicks, for our accompt, as he has never rec'd it we presume yair obtaind a good sale — thepds of the candles & Duck, with what others sales yair might have realized, we then requested yair would immediately forward us — either in good Bills, or Bank notes U.S. cutting them in two & send them by Seperate Mails for safety, but have never heard from yair on the subject since. that request we solicit yair attention to comply with — except in the Shipment of the Duck is not done — We have shipd by Capt J Earl Invs from Newport, 50 Boxes candles more, Invs wherof yair have here inclosed — we hope yair have been able to make an advantageous Sale of our last Shipment of 50 Boxes candles 166 Oil Linseed & 1 Bale Tiklenburg, & will have it in yair power to make us sales therefor ere long — also that the present Invs will at a favourable moment, arrive in safety at yair Market

We have of late, been much disappointed in not recg any remittance from yair or even any intelligence since fourth mo last — and are sorry to say, we shall feel ourselves under the necessity of changing our Correspondents, unlss a greater degree of punctuality can be observed on yair part — we are yairs &c

P.S. yair Bill of Spermt Oil for $1167.41 falls due 25th Inst mo with 2 mo interest thereon —

10 mo 4. 1796

To Joseph Hussey

We hope ur this thow has receivd all of the Sales which have so long ben due, particular from friend Scobia when our A B was at Boston last Summer thou expected shortly to receive what was due and from the Sales of our last shipments of Oil & Candles (of which Sales have not ben rendered) we hope thou will be able to accommodate us, with a part of their amount ~ We are indebted to C Parsons of Boston about $2000 which fall due in this Month, fearing a disappointment from our other arrangments, we crave thy liberty for us to draw on thee for 1200 or $1500 ~ in his favour ~ Please to say what part of our Invoice of Candles & Oil remaind on hand ~ We are &c ~

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10 mo 4

To Ebn Parsons

The payment for the Minerva falling due this month we shall be obligid by thy information whether it will be agreable to receive a 30 Day London Bill for 3 or 400 £ Stg at Par, which we will forward thee immediately ~ We are &c

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10 mo 4

To C Sigourney & Sons

The payment for the Minerva falling due the Last of this month we shall be obligid by your information, whether you can make it convenient to take 30 Day London Bill at Par, for the balance due on that accompt & the Sales of 50 Boxes Candles which you

some time since inform'd us. were disposed of. falling due so as to meet this payment. & we hope you have been able to make further Sales, at the same time becoming due. If you can accommodate us by accepting the above Bill we will forward it you immediately after the receipt of your answer naming the sum. Please also say what is the prospect of a further demand for both Oil & Candles and how many of ours you have on hand. ~~Our 4 Bi~~ We are &c

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Do J Hastings

10 mo 4. 1798

Thine of yesterdays date inclosing $100 Nantucket Bills is safe at hand and inclosed we now hand thee a US Bank Bill on the Boston Branch N° 1075 for the same sum dated 9th April 1792. We also inclose our Bank Book which we shall be obliged by thy having adjusted

We are &c

Do J Jackson

10 mo 4

We shall be obliged by thy sending us the following stamps. 9 Blank Bills of Exchange of 25 Cents

12	D	D	$ 50
18	D	D	$ 75
30	D	Indigo	$ 10
30	D	Do	$ 25

we have inclose thee our Check for twenty nine Dollars and Eighty three Cents. We are &c

To Thomas Arnold

10mo 5. 1798

Capt. Jirch Kempton arrived here on the first instant from Bilboa, and informed us he had received at that Place $ for thy accompt, which he remitted with the proceeds of his Cargo in Bills to Hamburg payable in London, at a discount of about 12½ p Cent which we consider rather better than bringing the money, as the Insurance would have amounted to more, and the loss on Gold very considerable - and with money onboard, it would have been almost impossible to escaped the Piratical Boats, that waited near the Harbour for their departure, and Capt Kempton has no doubt, had he received the money but information would have been communicated to those Boats He informed was many of the Merchants in Bilboa were concern'd in the Plunder - As soon as Capt Kempton adjusted his Accompts we will forward the a Bill on London for the amo: Thy Letter rec'd by the Eliza we forwarded under cover to our friends Gibbs & Channings last 3d Day and the Newport Post went out this morning several hours earlier than usual, which put it out of our power to forward this thereby - we are very respectfully thy &c 10mo 7. We rec'd last evening Letters from our friend at Bremen (for the first time, since our Ship Minerva sailed for that place last winter) with a Certificate of the landing of the Coffee & Indigo there, which we purchased of thee, & shall attend to forward it by first private conveyance - we also had the pleasure to hear last evening of Capt Gardner's being safely arrived in the

Vinyard Sound. about 100 Days from St Petersburg, we are in hopes to see her safely here tomorrow — Weare &c

Bedford 10 mo 9. 1798.

To Leonard H Crocker

We have the pleasure to inform you that our Ship Minerva from Russia arrived yesterday and by her we have about 70 Tons Iron Should it be in your power to make us proposals of payment at a reasonable period for a part of it. and we can agree upon the price, we shall be glad to furnish you, but we have found so much embarrasment from the great extension of C: we have been prevailed upon accept that we find it too tedious to continue — We have a large sum than we yet are able to command, to pay this month and must solicit you will not disappoint us of the amo: of your Note, previous to the 22d of this month — Weare &c we have this day given Foster Swift an order for Forty Dollars which you will please honour when it appears and it shall be endorsed on your Note —

10 mo 9 1798

To Samuel Tales Esq:

We have a Ship from Russia with about 70 Tons Iron. Should thou be in want we shall be pleased to furnish thee with 20 or 30 Tons on reasonable terms, very low for Cash or on a Credit of 90 Days. we note it in the Price Current at Boston yesterday $ 115 to 117 — Weare &c

10 mo 9

To Forster Swift

Thy favour of 27th ults we duly received & Note the contents, agreeable to request we here inclose Forty Dollars, which we Debit E Stoddard's Acct for. and thou will please to hand to his wife —

A Ship Capt Paddock has just arrived from the Pacific ocean with a successfull voyage – no acct. from the Barclay Capt Barney instead of inclosure we annex our order on Leonard & Crocker for $60 which will be paid at Sight – Weare

Boston 11. 1798

To James Andrews

Since our last of 17 we are without any of Thy favr Capt Gardner in the Minerva has at last safely arrived the 8ins has brt us hemp, Iron & Duck Excellent also 200 pcs Sheeting will thou give us thy proposals of Sale for any of those articles the prices they will bear 6m usually given – Abt 28th our notes fall due $2250 to E Parsons abt $700 to Sydney Odors we as yet see no way but to accept of thy assistance in the payment to the former and if thou will direct us whether to send thee a note at 40 days or our Order at 60 days St. to him upon thee we will attend thereto we have it in our power to draw on London but are unwilling to do it untill bills are at par – we hope thou rec'd the small invoice of Hosiery & that the box is on its way We are &c

To 10 month 1798

To Boot & Pratt Iorno 13. 98

We have 8 or £900 Stg

in our frd Dickason & Co hands which we wish to draw for should it be agreeable to you to take our bill at par on Thurs we will forward you a set of exchange therefor immediatly on the rect of your answer if you purchase below par please inform us what you will give — We are &c

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To Jon Hastings Iorno 15. 1798

Thy favr of 12th inclosing $46 is at hand & we now inclose the Gs Hussey's check on the Union Bank in favr James Barker dated 12 for $35 & a Boston Bank Bill for $10 — We are &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton Iorno 15. 1798

Please to receive the Amo of the inclosed check W & Sons on U Bank in our favr for $2000 & place to our Cr We are &c

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To Elisha Sigourney & Sons Iorno 16. 1798

Your esteemed favr of 13 is now before us as & ack both of which shall have immediate attention & noted in conformity & wherein you have endorsed in favr our note $691.34 which leaves a ballance

due you thereon of $991.16 we now inclose you our draft on J Hussey for that sum at 12 days St ——— We are &c

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Endorsment $696.34
order on JH 991.16
$1687.50

To Joseph Hussey 10 mo 11. 1788

We are much obliged by thy letter of the 11 ult with it was in our power to delay the draft for thy accomodation but we see no other way of making our payments for the Ship Minerva — but having made arrangments with Jn Andrews for payment for persons & owing on a note to E Sydney Jans $991.16 we had drawn for that amt at 12 days St when our note falls due which [illegible] to honour

We hope thou will be able to forward us Sales of the Oil & inform what thou can get sell for — my W&J father & self have a few articles to clear Orn for which the original invoice is sent also we have from Liverpool pr the Aron Car James Town 4 Bales woollens pr invoice & bill Lading herein all which we wish thee to pass at the office & forward pr first conveyance either to this place or Nantucket with particular Acct of ex charges on each invoice ———

We are &c

Also a ~~Bill Lading~~ a small Invoice of Medicine & Bill Lading pr the Orn

132 To Stokes & Harris 10 mo 17. 98

I take the liberty to request a favour of you which has the cause of a helpless widow in London for its apology — a frd of mine has sent me the inclosed acct for Thos Thomas with Alice Hughes by which it appears there was a balance due her for 1785 of £287.2.4 accompanied by two letters from him and dated Newbury Port which is the only direction I have where to find him I shall be much obliged by your information if he is with you & if he is by your requesting him to settle the business with you and all the I have rec'd no papers from him if you will do the needfull & send me the balance & interest or what you can recover I will indemnify you untill I receive a discharge from the widow to deliver to Thomas — Should you know him in a situation to pay her & can recover the amo't please pay yourselves & remit me the ntt pd or give me some information thereof as soon as may be — excuse the freedom I have taken & believe me dear

& c Wm R Jr.

To Samuel H Lee 10 mo 17 98

Thou last doubtless

rec'd a letter from our frd Wm Allen of London for the Nancy Capt Cern by whom I rec'd one accompanied with a copy of his to thee by the same conveyance dated 7 mo 19 and its being his desire that I should again resume the business that remains unsettled between you and as appearing that he stands in great need of some remittance from thee I shall be much pleased to hear from thee upon the business

whither thou hast forwarded any thing to them since thy letter of Jan.y 30 last —
I informs thee (I observe) that the Certificates alluded to has not reach'd him & if they are of consequence toward the recavery of Insurance they aught to have them — we have a Ship to Sail to London in Abt one month & shall be pleased if thou will enable me to remit them the balance due on thee by that Conveyance and as we have Bills to draw if thou will forward the money either in Cash or Drafts on Boston our house will accommodate the business — I am Thy Frd Wm R Jun.r

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D.r W Burroughs

10mo 17. 1798

Thy 2 favours of August 3.d & 24th

are duly receivd & until now we have never had any thing favourable to communicate respecting Coffins Note — after days grace he paid on Acompt of the same $36 which we have paid to thy C.r — I have to say whether thou can dispose of some good Russia Sail Cloth & at what price, also if thou art in want of Candles if thou can dispose of the Linseed Oil by lowering it a little in price from a $1 we should prefer doing it to its remaining so long on hand altho from its cost we can but very illy afford to do it — we must leave it to thy Judgment to do the best thou can for us — We are &c

134 Jobbed Mitchel Lond 20 98

Your fav was handed us this day by D W & we are sorry to observe that you cannot accommodate us with any frt for the Minerva — we think it would well accommodate the charge of risk for you to share a part with us & perhaps on consideration you will think best so to do in the mean time when we are informed who goes in the Lydia & at what time she is expected to sail it may perhaps be agreeable to us to exchange the sum you mention against the risk of Captures as we have in contemplation to make a partial insurance on the sea risk only — as we conceive the price we fixed upon our goods to be the best terms on which they can procure good elsewhere we suppose it was your object to accept the terms if the mode of payment would answer our purpose — we should accommodate the payment in London if you will give us your bills at even 90 days sight with the request of Dickason to let them lay in their hands until your funds reach them & not to return them with protest which will not way incommode you & will oblige us under the present state of our acct with Dickason & Co — and we are willing to allow frt for them provided they should sell this fall at par but our best information for Boston is that they are very plenty and selling from 2/2 to 4/8 & under we will fix it at 2/2 if agreeable to you to take the exchange at any fixed day for 60 days to come reserving you will

readily coincide to this proposition and 135
that your ideas must of been in case of the
extream delay untill you should recaver of
the underwriters to allow us interest we
have given D Witney an answer that he
shall have 5 or 6 tons Hemp in 2d day &
the residue with the Duck shall be sent
when ordered — Should you wish to make
provision as before provided for bills on
Hamburg we can equally accommodate
it —

We are &c

To Thos Dickason & Co London 29. 9r under cover to to John Ritchie

Confirming the foregoing we have
now pleasure of informing you that the
Minerva Gardner arrived safe last week &
the Prospect promises his making us a good
voyage & since our last respects we have rec.d your
very obliging favours dated 16. 23 & 26 July & 2d August and
y return you our sincere thanks for the friendly and you
have given us in our European transactions, which have
been much to our satisfaction, but your accompt of the Oil
market is a little discouraging, however having been so for-
-tunate as to have 30 Tons reach you without Insurance
we hope the like succes with succeeding Shipments will
eventually save us from any very heavy loss — we find it a
hazardous speculation, and shall avoid any future large
purchases, we have duly noted in Acct your several acceptances
Kempton, Gardners and the balance of our Acct with Thomas
Bonar & Co — the exchange from Petersburg has been very favour-
-able of late please accept our thanks for the Accompt from

E Rupell his arrival at Marseilles we have heard of, but no letter has reachd us except the one yours inclosed to W R S. his non arrival is doubtless occasiond by the Embargo & what will be the event of that order is hard to Conjecture. Rupell was Cleared on Trial — we intend sending in the Minerva Capt J Gardner to sail in a month 40 Tons more of Sperm Oil she carries from our family 100 Tons, the Lydia Capt Hiller of Nantucket is also up & we hear she is like to take a considerable quantity for your mart

We hope from the Sales of the Oil & various other resources we shall be able to sustain our Credit with you tho' the change of circumstances in this Country from the expectation of war, & the Calamities that have desolated several of our large Towns & thereby deranged business we find it very difficult to Collect our dues or raise money from our goods, yet we see a prospect if our shipments escape Capture, that you will be fully reimbursed in the course of the winter for all of your advances, and also for £1000 more which we shall be greatly obligid by your giving us a Cr for with Thomson Bonar & Co at Petersburg as soon as you can make it convenient, the Minerva being destined there from London — On accompt of the £1600 remitted to London from Bilboa & which we have requested Geo Smith & C. to direct to your disposal we have drawn upon you at 30 in favour of John Ritchie £600 it being the property of others concerned in the Eliza's Cargo on their appearance we shall feel ourselves greatly obligid by your giving them honour — and should our Brother be in want of £500 we request you will pay him also that sum considerd apart of the £1600 We are

To J Ritchie

10 mo 20. 1798

Thine of yesterdays date is duly at hand & notice the Contents, and agreeable to thy offer we here inclose thee our Bill on Thomas Dickason &c. (in a Set of Exchange of Four Bills) for Six hundred Pounds Stg at 30 days Sight.

The amount we wish thou would place to our Credit at the Branch Bank so as to meet our drafts in the course of the Two following weeks — We are $2613.33

To George Smith & Co

10 mo 23. 98

Confirming the foregoing copy of our last we have now the pleasure of acknowledging the rec[t] of your esteemed favour dated 10 June wherein we are pleased to find that the Dunkirk house have remitted you 13000 ℔ consequently after your realizing the Bills on Bremen & those on Bilboa and making the arrangement with J D & Co to receive to our C[r] £1500 ℔ we shall have nearly £1000 in your hands whatever the ballance may be we shall be obliged by your authorizing our frd J & B & Co of Petersburg to draw upon you for our Acc[t] for their winter purchases — we hope in a short time to ship you some Coffee & Sugar as we are making our arrangements therefor and that our future business may be more productive to your house — in the mean time we repeat our thanks for your kind aid of the £1000 & have been much pleased you were no longer in advance for us having been much mortified at the delay of our french frd, we have now the pleasure of the Company of your Wm Adamson to whom we have been desirous of rendering the Service & civility's that were in our power — We are &c

138 Thomson Bonar & Co London 23. 88

under cover to G Smith & Co

We have the pleasure to annaunce to you the safe arrival of Capt Gardner two weeks since & that his goods have come out in pretty good order & much to our satisfaction, by him and other conveyances we have had the pleasure of receiving your esteemed favr in course from Dec 11 to June 15 and we duely note your attention to our interest both in the execution of our orders & in your attention in advising us so regularly all your transactions wherein have given us satisfaction for which you will please accept our thanks

The purchase of the 500 ps Sail Cloth has turned much to our advantage and proves of a pleasing quality & we shall be glad of an equal fabrick in future — the great advance upon the Flems would have proved to our injury had they not advanced considerably in thy Country — But upon the whole we are well satisfied with the whole adventure its having turned out to a very handsome profit the underwriters deminishing 15 p Ct we risk'd only the property & by that make a good saveing — The fall in the exchange has exceeded our expections and which from the course of the Trade of your Country remains a mistry to us since it appears to us that your exports so far exceeds your imports

Having engaged a frt for London for the

Minerva Capt Gardner we hope will sail by the middle of next month and will again if permitted go to Petersburg as early as the navigation will be safe — we therefore wish to be in preparation for an early departure for the Baltic in which we anticipate a double advantage not only from the Sale but from the observation that the early ships are generally much shorter in their passage than the latter we have therefore requested our frd T D & C of London & G Smith & Co of Stamburg each to accept your bills for £1000 ♆ of which we doubt not they will duly authorize you on the rec^d of which we wish you to apply it to the purchase of such articles as you may think most for our advantage the best advantage by early purchase ab^t in similar proportion to our orders last year observing not to exceed 60 tons of Iron if the same price as last year including 2 tons square bars and omitting the Calf skins as we have not yet ascertained the value of our market — T D & C^o inform they have accepted their draft for the balance of your Acc^t as we shall soon have occasion to write you again we shall only add that we shall want by the next conveyance 4 or 5 tons of the best 12 head flax which we hope you will be able to procure

under cover to G Smith & Co Veaver & —

140 To James Andrews 10mo 23

we are obliged by thy information respecting Russia goods contained in thine of 15th which are below our expectation but after paying our debt, we shall feel willing to risk a future risk in some of them for the probability of business reviving before a fresh importation takes place — and we already note in the price Current of yesterday that Duck & Iron are noted higher than heretofore we hope to accommodate the payment with Parsons with less aid than we expected Capt A Swain goes to Baston tomorrow & promises to pay the $502.50 on our acct & we have sent E Parsons a check for $900 that if thou can accommodate the balance $787.50 & charging us the interest untill thou art in Cash for our acct it will much oblige us & if our note for Discount at the Bank is needfull we will send it & if Capt Swain does not fulfil his promise we will replace the $562.50 — we hope thou rec'd the 100 Boxes Candles sent by Capt Brandon — please inform us the price of good barrel Beef & also upon what terms for price or payment thou can ship for our acct 2 or 3 or $4000 value of Coffee & Sugar to Hamburg the best in quality for that market & if any ship now offers for it we hope thou put the small Box

on Board the Nantucket vessel which left said last week — We are &c

To Gregory & Picard 10mo 23 1798

We. Our Ship Minerva Can Gardner will take a frt for London & we have sail by the middle of next month by her we think for our own Acct 40 or 50 Tons of Shott & as there is yet a considerable quantity of oil unstrained in town unsold which we think may be purchased for £55 Ster or less we shall be glad to attain 40 or 50 Tons more frt & if you with to make any further shipments of that article we shall willingly accept your orders to purchase & ship it on the best terms in our power — your reply will oblige us We are &c

our frt is £5 Ster —

To Peter Roe Dalton 10mo 23. 1798

We wrote thee on the 16 inst & inclosed W.R.S Check on the Union Bank for $2000 which we hope came safe to hand — we now inclose US Bank check to S & M Fisher dated Oct 12 for $156 18/100 which please to place to our Cr — we expect John Ritchie has this day pd to our Cr $2613.33 —

We are &c

142 To Eben Parsons 10mo 23. 1798

Thy favr of 7th is duly at hand & note its contents inclosed we have thee our Check on Branch Bank for $900 which please indorse on our note and the balance J Andrews will settle when due —— We are &c

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To Andrew Ritchie & Son 10mo 27. 1798

your favour of yesterday we have received this evening containing proposals for Exchange, we furnished J Ritchie last week with all we were willing to draw at 2½ C.t Discount and that not our own property, not being willing at present to draw our own under Par — Our Ship Minerva Gardner will probable sail for London by the 15th next month. should you wish to forward any letters by her, particular attention shall be paid to them — Would it not suit your convenience to Ship afew Tons Sperm Oil by the Minerva, which we think may now be had at £55 ₰ Ton Sperhaps for less and on a Credit for a part or all — we are now purchasers ourselves having 100 Tons already on hand which we ship by her and is as much as we like to risk in our Vessel, as we do not approve of the premium now asked —

10mo 27. 1798

To Gregory & Pickard We duly received your favour of the this evening, offering £50 for 30 or 40 Tons Sperm oil on the bottoms, we will next week use our endeavours to procure it (tho' we have our doubts of procuring) & give you due notice —

If we do not obtain & you have any letters to forward by the Minerva by forwarding them to us particular attention shall be paid to them — We are &c

London 29. 1798

To Abel & A. Mitchell — We receiv'd yours of 24th but the departure of the packet a short time after our receiving it did not admit of our replying thereto — Since we wrote you we have unexpectedly had an offer & Sold £600 Stg on London at 2½ C.t under par, but while we feard the loss of 4 ⅌ (at which price we were assured they have been lately sold in Boston) we were not willing to run so great a risk, However as we are owing Dukason and have about the quantity of Hemp for Sale that you last propose Say 15 Tons in all, we acceded to the proposition & Shall forward the remainder with the Duck as soon as the Packets can take it, but we suppose it of more consequence to you to receive the Oil first than the Hemp — Our Price for Duck of first Quality is $20 half Cash Down & the other on Interest 90 Days, but we have sold some by the quantity all Cash at $19 — at the latter price we shall put yours, including 10 ⅌. which we do not think of quite equal fabrik tho it Cost the same and we doubt not will prove Satisfactory to you — We put our own fr.t into the Ship at 100 ⅌ Stg as to the Cap.t Primage or the fr.t to this place we refer you to Cap.t Gardner. we own ½ of the Ship & having made our appropriations for the next Cargo & send forward our Orders some time since. it will not be convenient to take

Freight Back — If still your wish to make the exchange of the risk of $1500 between the Cargoes of the Ship Lydia & Minerva we are willing to agree thereto upon the Common principles of Insurance in the same manner as if Policies were exchanged. which please to confirm in your next —

Yours &c

10 mo 29. 98

To Meriam Fitch

Thy favour of 24th is before us and agreeable to thy request we shall write to. New York to have $1000 Insurance made onboard of the Lydia for thy Hurbor & having so recently heard from them hope the Premium will be favourable — Inclosed we hand thee Samuel Rodmans Check on Nantucket Bank for $50 agreeable to thy desire & at any time when thou ~~stands~~ art in want thou need feel no reserve in sending to us for money or any thing else we can furnish. at all times we shall be glad to serve thee —

Yours &c

To Gibbs & Channing

10 mo 30. 1798

Your favr of yesterday we have before us & wish you had made us a offer for frt of the Cotton as you cannot receive the Debenture without the Ship taken it in your port we cannot send her there unless we can obtain sufficient frt to be an inducement — we have therefore recommended the business to Mr Bowman

who will receive your terms & look forfrt sufficient for the Ship to call at Newport — we have already Amount enough engaged to risk without Insurance we cannot afford the premium asked

We do not see a demand for Molasses & having few Candles on hand it will not be convenient at this time to make the exchange — We are &c

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To Capt Silas Evers 10mo 30. 1798

Thine of 28th I have rec'd this evening & note thy observations relative to the state of the Fair Lady Aumpt, it is very contrary to my brothers Ideas, as he writes me he supposes there were several hundred Pounds due the Ship — my brother has requested me, on thy arrival in America to sell the ~~quantity~~ quarter of the Ship represented by himself & Capt Moores, and as that is his wish, I shall be glad to Comply with it, and shall request James Andrews to consult thee thereupon & wish it may suit thy convenience to purchase them out — I did not receive the Bill from H Abes until the post before I sent it to Boston & had no knowledge of my brothers concern in the Ship until a very short time before —

The bill I expect to be paid I am glad thy Charter Party admits thy receiving apart here —

We are &c

146 To Peter Roe Dalton Nov 30 - 98

We now inclose
Thee W R Sains Check on U Bank for £750
which we request thou will receive
and take in our acceptance of
F Mayhews Draft which we think falls
due 3d of next month — Thy attention
hereto will much oblige — We are yrs

James Andrews Nov 30 98

We have rec'd thine
via Nantucket with the box for H
D please forward us the expences thereon
the Frt Duty &c with thy Commission
This evening we have thy obligeo
fav of yesterday and are pleased to find
Car Evans is in Boston B R has wrote
us very pressingly if he returns to
this Country to put an end to the Concern
of Yr of The Fair Lady represented by Grimsey
& Car Wm Mores of Dunkirk — of this the
inclosed letter thou will see inform
Car Evans & we shall be much pleas'd
thou will terminate the business
in the best way thou can — our W R's
brother summoned Wm Evans owed them
a considerable sum for the Ships
earnings strongly he says by the
inclosed letter they owed him £456
as he has it in his power by the

Charter party bore[d] The money here
we think it best to secure the payment
of the bill & if he will take the Sloop
or Shou can elsewhere dispose of Shee
to we shall be glad — we note thy
observations on West India goods &
that the Minerva goes for Hamburg
we wish to make a Shipment of Coffee
or Sugar to that market and[d] from
£1000 to £2000 Wm Dean in thy observat[n]
to him writes us there is a lot of Java
Coffee in Salem he thinks can be had
for 12d — if Shou can make a purchase
of either articles Shou thinks will
suit our Interest best or 60 dys C[r] or
longer we wish it to be Ship[d] to
Geo Smith & C[o] we rely upon thy
Judgment & the advice of Wm Adamson
& leave it entirely to Shee & if Shou think
it most for our Interest to desire Wm
Dean to procure that on Salem we wish
thy attention to the Shipping & expect
to give Shee the same comm[n] as if Shou
contracted according to thy proposition
We apprehend we shall depend
upon drawing on London to pay
at the expiration of the C[r] unless
we are more successfull in our
collections than we have lately
been — we are glad to find Can[n]

Inclosed for the $ 50 ℔ 2 . 50 ℔ are sorry to find thou art not in Cash for the Candles sold to Rand — if thou art accommodated by the accommodation in the Settlement of our Note to Parson we will either send thee our Note for Discount or remit the the Amt

To George Sears. Wearden

11 mo 1. 1748

We wrote thee under date 3 mo 30 last & forwarded 30 Boxes Sperm Candles since which we are without any of thy favrs we hope they reach'd thee in safety & have already found a good Market

Thetan Haviland shipp'd thee also for Alexandria under date 4 pr 26 last per Capt Ben Kem 44 Casks whale oil for our acct which we likewise hope have met a Sale respecting these two Shipments we shall be pleased to hear from thee — By the Brig Three Brothers Capt we send thee bill of Lading & Invoice of 30 Boxes more of Candles 25 Bales Cant 50 ℔ of very excellent Russia Duck entitled to Drawback which we hope will reach thee in Safety & Come to a Speedy Market —

We are anxious to make Some remittance to our frd Frederic Deluis Bremen or Geo Lynch & Co Hamburg in best Maryland Tobacco or if it cannot be had in Virginia Tobacco Coffee or Sugar should thou be able in the Course of 3 mo to turn the Amt

of those articles or a part thereof & can Ship in our Acc" either of those Articles as thou may advise and most to our Interest we Shall be obliged by thy particular attention thereto — We have a few hundred ps Rusia Sheeting & Ravens Duck on hand we wish thy early advise by Past what they are worth with you also the prospect of Sale for Rusia Duck as Capt Anthony will be Soon going & we may wish to Lend Some by him — We are &c

To Isaac Hicks

London 30. 1798

Thy 2 favr of 25 ult & 2 inst are now before us & contents noticed — observe thy having heard of Thornton & hope thou will be able to obtain payment from him Shortly — This goes by the Fame Capt Taber by whom we are very anxious thou Should forward us the four Sugeons ordered Some time since also 2000 bricks by the Washington Capt Wm Bunker from Bristol Consigned James Parsons & Sons but as we have no Acc with them wish thee to receive them paying the expences thereon & forward them by Capt Taber who has agreed to take them the Bill is here inclosed — our Ship Minerva Capt Gardner safely arrived about three weeks Since & braught us an excellent Rusia Cargo Hemp Iron Duck & Sheetings but from the Distressed Situation of your City we have been less anxious about getting a part of it forward — we have now Shipd

150 ℔ on board the Same to thy address 69 prs
R Sheeting & 100 prs best Rupsia Duck which
we hope thou will be able readily to dispose
of and thou may have an opportunity
to sell some of the Sheetings or Duck. for
exportation we have Shipd them under the
inspection of the Officer that thou may
obtain the debenture thereon — we hope
thou will be able to make the Duck &
Sheetings exact us the Invoices the latter
proves amazingly high this season from
Rupsia we have more of those articles on
hand if your market promises a good Sale
we can ship more of which please inform
us we have disposed of most of our hemp
on the Spot — Iron we have not yet had
much demand for — we also have about
200 small & 600 large Calf Skins of which we
now Send the a small sample of 12 small
& 10 large ones the former we think will
answer for Morocco wish thou would make
enquiry & find their value from their Cost
we aught to have 700 for them & 150 for the
large ones also find what expences will attend
having them morocco'd & whether they can
be neatly coloured — the thin large ones
will do well for the Book Binders & the thick
ones for Leather please find the value for
Both & inform us — If we have time, shall
put on board the Packet some candles
not knowing how thou art stocked —
we hope your market will also encourage
a shipment of Sperm Oil we hope from
the Sales of our Property thou will
be able to realize sufficient to answer

the payment for the Minerva's premiu
when due should thou be in advance
therefor we will endeavour immea
=diatly to remburse thee ——

Wee are &c

To George Sears Dear Sr 10mo 31. 1792

in addition to the last Having considerable demand
upon the owners of the Brig Three Brothe
we inclose thee our Drft on R & S Delano wit
their acceptance for $1200 which desire thou
will secure from their Cargo in the best
manner thou can but should their
Contract fail & their Cargo not turn out
to expectation we wish thee to accommoda
them in the easiest manner than ma
think advisable without interrupting the
business — R Delano has promised us if
the Brig obtains a freight for Europe they
will give thee a Bill upon the Ex for
£100 Stg which we wish thy attention to
having it payable to our aforesaid frien
at Hamburg or Bremen or if more convem
to Thomas Dickason & Co London sending an
forward by the Brig & the others to us —
what thou realized for the Bill we wis
added to our other funds in the European
Adventure — Wee are &c

We are very respectfully ~~your~~
Assured Friends
Signed Wm Rotch Jun & Co

152 To James Andrews 11mo 3. 98

We rec^d thine acknowledging the rec^t of our last and did not observe untill this evining that the Minerva is advertised an armed Ship — It is our chose to avoid connection with in any armament & had we noticed it should have ouskended our Order if thou hast not made any purchase we wish the to ouskend it untill an unarmed Ship appears — Same time if thou hast contracted we are holden & must on occasion reserve our caution for future occasions — the circumstance did not occur to our minds untill we saw it in the Gazette — We hope soon to hear from thee & receive bill of expence upon the Box of Hosiery thou forwarded us — We are &

To John G Ladd New Bedford 11mo 5. 1798

Thy fav^r of 3^d inst^o by Cap^t Hunt covering invoice of 40 Bl Flour we duly rec^d & shall be placed to our C^r we were sorry to observe the demand for our articles in thy hands was so dull & particularly so that thou was obliged to be in advance for our Acc^t — on the present shipment of Flour. We hope thou did not long remain so but that thy Sales were more brisk

Annexed we hand thee invoice of 20 pieces Russia Duck of an excellent quality which we hope thou will

able to make net us $20 a piece here
& as the present voyage will be the last
conveyance for your place this winter
we shall be glad if thou can make us
another shipment of good Flour by the
Drusilla for our winters supply from
the Proceeds of thy sales Please inform
us what goods of ours thou hast on
hand & whether a further shipment of
Duck with a few pcs Ra Duck & Sheetings
would find a ready market if any
other conveyance for your market
should offer ——— We are &c

Thy Samuel Parkman Boston 7. 1798

Thy favour of 1st to our Mr J came
Duly to hand too late to give thee a reply by last Mail & and
we are ~~now~~ sorry it is not in our power to fulfil thy order but
there is not one thousand weight of Coffe for Sale in Town.
Our Ship Loads mostly with Sperm Oil & will be ready
by the 15th if thou has only letters to forward by her we will glad
to them ~ Honthan affairs are so circumstanced that we
cannot suppose he is in any way to pay thy debt if considera
Sperm Oil Can be purchas'd at £55 on a Credit & prob-
-ably for Cash at less should thou incline to order 20 Ton
the Minerva will be able to take it in all this week, next
week we expect to fill her up with Lumber ~

Wm Roth Jun & Co

New Bedford 11mo 7. 1798

To David Anthony

Thine of 29th Ult. came to hand with the butter — Amo. $79. we are pliased to hear thou hast the Sales of the Oil & wish thou had noted the price of thou hast any further demand — also at what price thou can sell Best Russia Duck & if it will command Cash — likewise the price of Russia Iron — please to inform us what demand thou hast on T Arnold on Acct. of W R Dow as we are to answer to them some money now on our hands —

Our W R J. is in want of a good plough for a yoke of Cattle which he will be obliged by thy procuring & sending by first opportunity if possible by Allen this time it will be very acceptable — we intend sending thee a few barrels best press'd Oil & shall to furnish thee with what thou can sell this fall if it will net us 90 we shall be content — We are &c

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To James Andrews

New Bedford 11mo 6. 1798

Thine of yesterday we have before us & note thy not having made any purchase for our Acco. which we now think best to omit for the Present should any favourable opportunity present to speculate in either Coffe or Sugar in future we shall be obliged by thy informatio

We are sorry Capt. Evers could not accommodate the business but we must now take the event of this Voyage — for thy attention to this troublesome concern, please accept our thanks — The sum paid C Parsons $767 50/100

shall be duly placed to thy Credit — We have 20 or 30 Boxes Spermaceti Candles which we long since shipd William Dean of Salem & not much prospect of a Sale should thou be destitute of any of ours before we get more round to, thee please request W Dean to ship what he has of ours. to thee which please dispose of for our accompt — If W Adamson is still in Boston please remember us to him — We are &c

To Thomas Arnold 11 mo 6. 1798 —

Thy favour of 27 Ult is duly before us Inclosed we hand the Sales of Molasses & Flour amount $ 339.74/100 which shall be ~~placed~~ paid to William Rotch agreeable to thy direction — thy Two Casks Rice are still on hand & no prospect of selling it — we have a few Casks of our own, which we intend shipping & as we have a Ship of our own a going will put in thy Two Casks. also if thou can put it at a price that will answer to Ship. G H Channing have just disposed of some d. $ 2 ℔ Cwt. at which price we will take thine. our Ship sails next week for London please inform us timely if thou can — Please to inform us at what discount we shall take Capt: Kemptons remittance to Hamburg of £ 68 ~~4/4~~ at Bills in Boston are from 3 to 5 ℔ Cent under Par or we will forward thee a bill immediately & whether a few pieces of excellent Russia Duck would answer as well as Cash — we have likewise a few hundred pieces Ravens Duck & Rupia Shirting that would command the drawback if thou wanted to export — Vale &c

To W Burroughs 11 mo 6. 1798 —

Thy letter of 31 Ult came duly to hand & am sorry there was not Freight enough present to have made it an object for our Ship to have gone to Newport & taken what Coffee

could have been purchased - it has now very much advanced in Boston & New York - The Minerva we expect will sail in all next week, any commands please to forward them & attention shall be paid them

We have just onboard W Allens Vessel 20 pices of excellent Russia Duck which please to dispose of as soon as those can & we hope those will make it net us $19 which is ~~not~~ lowest Cash Price but of G Channing sell for Less than what will net us that of equal quality those must conform thereto - we shall put a few Casks of Straind Sperm Oil onboard of Allen, which please to dispose of, not missing an offer of 90 Cents if more cannot be obtaind - if those has any demand for Candles please let us know it - If we should omit sending any Sperm Oil please say if there is much prospect of selling some so as to net us 90 Cents - Wante

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To Obed & Aaron Mitchel 11 mo 8. 1798

We have this day rec'd yours of 6 inst inclosing your bill of exchange for £1073. 5 Stg at 60 days which amounting to $4770 pays for the Sheeting & Duck as your annexed bill with rec'd - we expect all the Oil for the Minerva will be stowed away tomorrow & as the want of what is to come from Nant prevents our filling us with Lumber we hope no time will be lost in forwarding it as we must be ready to sail this day week - As the writer of this knows nothing of the business with the bank man you will please consider us out of the question - We are &c

To Jan[a] Hastings 11 mo 8. 1798 We are

Thy favr of 7[r] we duly rec[d]
with its contents $129 in bills for which
we now hand thee our check for the same
amount — we will with pleasure
forward thy directions respecting the
Letter thou sent us any other's thou
may wish to forward the Minerva
we shall be happy to receive; Letters
by the mail this day week will be
in time as we intend she shall be
all ready by the 15th — We are &c
We are &c

To Greany & Pickard 11 mo 8. 1798.

Since our last of 27th ult[o]
we have not been able to procure any
oil on the terms you proposed & the
we doubt the holders doing any better
we have our Ship will sail on the
15 any letters you may wish to
forward by her will be in season
this day week — We are &c

Isaac Hicks 11 mo 10. 1798

We wrote thee by the
Jane Capt[n] Taber since which we have
thine of the 3[d] inst by Capt[n] Atkins — We
hope to see Capt[n] Taber in a day or two
& receive favourable rec[t] for our

158 Markets — we shall be glad they'll
get what they can for Thornton on
acc.t E. Beals we surmise Beals is now
up your river at work in a furnace
& shall not see him until he returns
which will be by the way of your City
& it's likely will settle with Thornton
& receive all he can get — we have but
little confidence in his punctuality
By accident we omitted forwarding
by Capt Taber the two Bd.s Calf Skins
as mentioned in ours of 30 ult.o which
we now send by Capt Mather and wish
thee to give us a particular & early
information as soon as you can we have
abt 450 large & 200 small ones on hand
we wish to make them net us at least
1/33 & 1/67 in their present state
we also forward by Capt Mather
Casks strand oil for acc.t & order of J. J. Barth
which he rec.d of R. Delano in payment
for Shine & a Cock & Co.s demand
which was in unsuitable state for
your market being part head m.s we
have exchanged the same with him for
std oil a statement of the business
we hope they will be able shortly
to hand thee a statement
of the business —

Cap^n Masters being full we shall forward
the bill by Cap^n Faber & Candles if thou
can encourage it — I Weare &c

To I Mayhew 11 mo 10. 1798

We hope to hear from thee by Cap^t Fa
who is looked for hourly please to give us an account of the oil
how has how much remains unsold also of the Candles as
we wish to forward thee on some more immediately if
thou can encourage it please also say what good Russia Duck
Ra Duck & Ru Shuting will command with you

Cap^t Richard Faber has promised us he would leave in
thy hand Fifty Dollars on our account which please rec^d
and remit us when convenient — Ware &c

To ~~Thos~~ Thos Atrox Nitchell Newman

To Thos Dickason & Co 11 mo 12. 98

By p^r Lydia Cap^n Hilar
Dep^t for Liverpool Packet

Since the preceding we
are without any of your esteemed fav^r the
Minerva is now nearly Laden for London
with abt 150 tons Sp^d oil and ~~we~~ we expect
her to be off in abt this week which
we hope will enable her to reach your
market at the best season & that you
will be able to find a speedy Sale most
of the her Cargo is taken for the bottoms
We now Inclose you A & A Mitchells
D^f in our fav^r for £1073. 5 11 at 90 d^ys this
sum they were endebted to us for and
gave us the bill upon our engagement
that it should not be returned with
protest if their property had not

160 reach'd you or if you were not to
to honour it at sight at its appearance
you are doubtless inform'd of their being
Sons of J. Mitchel & Obed late one of the
house of J. M & Sons they have considerable
quantity of Oil on bd the Lydia on the
point of sailing for Nantucket & in
expectation of other funds centering in
your hands their stability is however
undoubted, and as it will suit our convenience
better for the bills to meet your honour
& place the Interest on them if you are
not in Cash for their Am't we hope it
will prove agreeable to you — and if
your choice we will still hold ourselves
responsable therefor — We have now
60 tons Sp Oil on our own Acc't which
we calculate if the J Harvey has arrived
in safety will prove an ample fund
for the Minerva's Russia Cargo with
£1000 we have at Hamburg —
Swains 3d Bill for £112.10 we now inclose

We are &c

To Jonathan Hastings 11 mo 13. 1798

Fine of yesterday's is now
before us rec'd with $48 instead of 44 & font
Thou last check on the Union Bank

We are &c

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11 mo 1798

To Joseph Anthony & Co

We sincerely lament the Loss the public at large & your house in particular have sustained in the death of our much respected friend your Senior partner, during a Calamity that has proved an ful index to your heretofore prosperous City, the event of which we have no doubt has not only assigned a portion of affliction to most of its numerous inhabitants, but we fear has left a multitude in destitute & even distressed circumstances, who are intitled to the benevolence & humane assistance of those who have yet been spared from such Calamity — and which we hope will be seasonably afforded — to this point our attention has some time since been turned and application probably been made before this time — from our recent accounts we suppose your Inhabitants are returnd to the City and business begins again to take a turn — We hope your attention as early as circumstances will allow will be paid to the Oil consignd you in the 3d & 4th months last, as what was in store has probably suffered much by laying over the warm weather neglected and it will be pleasing to hear you have closed the sales of it. those two Shipments of 36 Casks & 50 Boxes Candles we think are all the goods unaccounted for in your hands — We have now a considerable quantity of pure pressed Oil on hand which we hope will find a sale with you during the winter, but Capt. Norton having a full freight from Lynn we are seeking another Vessell to take it & hope next week to ship you 200 barrells, & hope you will find a market for it tho will be acceptable to us tho' not so high as last year, indeed if it nets us no more than 6/3 your Currency we shall prefer its Sale, as we see no prospect of any other market equal to that — We shall also ship you a few Candles for the Winter Sale — and shall be glad to hear from you what you have of ours on hand — Please to send us by Bunker 6 Barrels best Superfine Flour — We are &c —

11 mo 14. 1798

To Sam.l & M Fisher

We duly rec.d your 2 favours of 7 mo 16 & 10 mo 12. the latter accompanying Sales of 2 Casks Shoes Sold for Accompt B Alley N Pds to our Credit £91.11.4½ which sum we have rec.d from S Barney $388 & Check on US Bank $156/18 which is duly placed to the C.r of M & B Alley of Lynn — and we feel ourselves much obliged by your attention thereto — We hope you have by this time found sale for the 2 tierces 763 pairs & Barrels 365 Pairs at what they would fetch. as we consider them to have dealt unjustly with us. and that no delay ought to take place of our being paid — We shall be pleased to find you have found a market for the 50 Boxes Candles. we freely leave you at liberty to exercise your own judgment as to the price you put them at. not expecting them to sell so high as last year — We are in expectation B Alley will forward you some more Shoes this fall, of which we shall be glad to hear; we are still great sufferers by their management and fear meeting some Loss — We are &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton

11 mo 15. 1798

We think our acceptance falls due the 17.th and have requested T Hazard Junr. to take it up. which we expect he will do unless disappointments of money while he is in Town, he is to return on the 17.th & if not accomplished thou may rely on its being forwarded by the first mail next week, which we hope will not exceed the Grace — We are &c

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To Thomson Bonar & Co.y 11 mo 17. 1798

Confirming the foregoing duplicate of our last, we are now on the point of the Minerva's Sailing for London by whom this goes under Cover to our

frds Thos Dickason & Co who will receive
by the Minerva if she should arrive Safe
property of ours to sufficient amt to give us
an adequate C.n for the residue of the Cargo
as noted above, we have already expectation
that those frds & Geo Smith & Co each will
authorize your drft for £1000 Stg & we shall
request L.D & Co in addition thereto to accept
your drft for £2500 or 2700 L Stg more, which will
create a fund sufficient for our present
objects not being willing to risk a large
amount in one Ship — we shall only
add the general articles we wish for the
Cargo & feel a confidence in leaveing the
arrangment of them as you may think
most for our Interest in varying in
some degree observing to fill up the Ship
with Hemp, as Iron pays but a small
profit we wish on 60 tons ~~on our a/c~~ in all
to come in the Ship 3/4 of that on our own
A/c unless it should continue at the same
price or nearly the same & Capt Gardner
prefers its coming on our own A/c free from
frt for the 1/4 he has the management of
As we hope the Minerva will be at
Cronstadt as soon as the ~~Ships~~ navigation is Safe we
wish every possable dispatch may be
given to Capt Gardner that his return may
be hastened & we have enjoined him on
his arrival in London to give you early
information that may tend to facilitate
his procuring the articles he may want
We hope nothing will prevent your
procuring the flax at this time as we shall
want it for our own manufactory

The foregoing is triplicate

to our last respects which we now confirm
& now hand you Invoice & Bill Lading of
Casks Sperm oil drawn from the Cattons
which we hope will reach you in safety
& be in season for a good market — we think
the quality of the oil, is very good & free from
any mixture of whale oil & shall be pleased
to hear you have found a steady Sale that
in your future arrangments we may no
longer keep you in advance for our oil —
On your receiving this consignment we ~~may~~
shall be much obliged by your giving a Credit
to J Bonar & Co of Petersburg for about £2500 Stg to 2700 Rubles
in addition to the £1000 before requested, and
we hope in future we shall not have occasion
to crave your acceptance any futher than we
may have funds in your hands or upon
immediate probability of its being replaced
We hope the Joseph Harvey has arrived
safely & our 15 tons of oil to a good market —
Capt Gardner is to go into the Baltic as early as
the Season will admit, to load back in the Spring
we have advised him to Consult with our RR
and if it appears that any considerable advantage
can be made by taking part of a Load of Tobacco
or West India Goods to Bremen, he has our
liberty in this Case we request your Council &
aid to enable Capt Gardners views if it should be
necessary — Hopeing Soon to hear from you with
the Prospect of your Market & requesting you will
in future keep us advised thereof, that on the
Arrival of our Ships, from the Jersey we may
next Spring judge of the Propriety of Shipping our
oil to London, also what difference is made

between packd ail & ail fm the bottoms, We
Mitchells 3d Bill is inclosed We are &c

To Isaac Lenter 11 mo 26. 1798

We have the pleasure to
communicate the Minerva's Sailing on the
morning of the 24th abt 9 oblock with a fine
wind at N & at 12 the Pilot left her says the
passengers appeard agreeably accommodated
with & ~~for~~ all in good Spirits, he saw the
Ships as far out as for her to be quite out
of Danger fm the Shore & by Sun set thinks
She was out of Sight of Land indeed we calculate
She must of had a very pleasent run as far
as the Current — We Shall inclose the
Cashier of your Bank our order on thee for
Thy Sons passage $116 2/3 & Capt Elored's order in
our fav for his Passage Thy son was consulted
on this Subject & we therefore accepted
his Order — both of which shall be oliged by
Thy honouring — We are &

To Mares & Lixas 11 mo 26. 98

Inclosed we hand the
two orders on Dr. I Lenter for $233. 34 which
please receive & place to our Cr. — We are &

166 To Frederick Delius Hmo 19. 1798

We have now the
pleasure of acknowledging the rec^d of thy very
obliging fav^r Dated 18 April 13 July & 5 August and
altho we are sorry to find our Shipment by the
Minerva did not turno out to our expectation
yet we have every reason to believe thou hast
done the best in thy power & cannot but flater
ourselves from the encouragement in thy last
that a market has been found for the Oil in
Holland & that ere now remittens'd for the 2000 Rub^s
we availd ourselves of in Petersburg for thy attention
therein & also thy friendly disposition manifested
in a letter to Cap^n Garner relative to the paymt
to Geo Smith & Co^s of £1000 Stg for our Acc^t We feel
ourselves much indebted for thy civilities & request
thou will accept our sincere thanks — Those
Gentlemen accepted for that sum upon the
Co^n of a Dunkirk house for whom we had
actually some time since advanced the money
Still we had property in their hands which laid
unsold, which they used as a reason for their delay
however altho the goods were unsold when we
last heard from them have they had the the
goodness to remit the sum to Geo Smith & Co^s & it
was from the fear of their neglect that we
purchased the two bills on the last summer
for £900 to replace them — we thank thee for
thy observation upon the advantage of Shiping
East India Goods & tobacco — we have been aware
thereof but as our little port affords affords no produce
of that kind, it is rare any other articles can be
procured except oil being wholly in in the Sp^h Whale
fishery & last year our Ships being successfull we
supposed it would afford us the best market to ship
it to Bremen as it was generally dull — the present
year very little whale oil will be obtain'd, consequently
little bone that we do not apprehend any further
quantity will go to your market for years to come

& we hope soon to hear that thou hast been able to dispose of what we sent thee on profitable terms, it has of that kind done very well at Hamburg, we know it to be for short in length to the Greenland bone but our cutters call it equ if not superior in the thickness & quality—

we wish for thy observations of the little Samples of cut bone we sent thee on trial—

we duly rec^d the acc^t Sales of the Indigo but the Sales of the Coffee were not inclosed nor the blank for the Ullage filled up in thy letter that we are yet Ignorant how that proved — —

we are obliged by thy freendly offer of ordering our purchases made in Russia on our informa of a Shipment of goods to thee— we have this year made our arrangments for the princip goods to be purchased this winter as was also the case last year except what thou advanced us — we have ordered a Shipment made thee from Baltimore of abt £1000 Stg in best India goods or Tobacco if any conveyan offers, & property we have there should be realized — As our Ship Minerva Cap^t Gardner is now laden for London & she will have much time if she arrives safe before she can go into the Baltic we have suggested to our senior partners brother Ben^a Rotch now in London that should the abundant supplies of Tobacco that is now on its way to that port reduce the price much below the market at Bremen, & advise him to write thee upon the subject & if thou think it will do for the Minerva to take a Load to Bremen & thou will risk upon accepting bills from Petersburg not to disapoint us of funds there he has our liberty to do it, in which case we shall rely upon his acting for us, & perhaps himself & request thou will aid & thou will aid his views by the best advise & assistance if requested—

we hope soon to hear from thee with

168 Sales of the oil & bone & that something will be left to remit to Thos Dickason & Co. agreeable to our former advise — we should be pleased it was in our power to make thee a consignment of more agreeable articles than we last sent & hope when our commerce becomes more safe we may have it in our power to do business more to thy advantage, but while premiums are thus high we guard against an anxiety to do a great deal, least we should fail in our expectations & meet with a loss of a competency which by prudence & attention we have been favoured to aquire —

We are &c

To Benj Roth 11 mo 18. 1798

I wrote thee by the Brig Joseph Harvey, Capt Paddock who sailed abt the 1st of last month by her we ship'd 20 tons Sp oil on equal acct my four Brothrs & self ¼ each, & sent duplicates via Boston in that I informed of my intention of shiping thee by the Minerva 20 tons more which is now on bd as p Invoice & bill Lading now inclosed SR has also 20 tons JR & P H 23 & ourselves 60 tons which with other freighters makes the whole quantity on board nearly 170 tons Sp oil, all which I hope will reach a good market in London — indeed we must be content with it as it may prove as we can find none a present in this country Since our ships have returned successfull from the Pacific Ocean the price has declined to £50 Cash & £55 6 mo Credit the Maria arrived last month with 900 Bbls Sam purchased of the hands at £50 & £75 Cash & has sold all he could unstrand at £55 on 6 mo the Maria got her whale in Company with the Lydia on the Coast of

Chile where she was left Jno 3 with 900 Bls
intending to stay 2nd Longer, I shall look for
her in next month I mentiond thee that
we had $8000 insurance upon her at 15 p Cent
to return ~~safe~~ 5 if she arrives safe & free
from avarage — we are now offerd from the
Insurance Company of New York to insure
upon her home for 7½ p Ct we write be the
next conveyance for $6000 more ½ of each on
thy Acct — we consider this a very low premium
& suppose it arrises from the succes they have
had in writing upon whale Ships they write
again upon the Maria 12½ out & home, I
hope the Lydia will make us a good voyage
but fear we must Copper her, at her return
was she now in I should incline to load her
off for London & have her coppered there, for I
see nothing for I see ~~nothing~~ we can probably
do with the Sp Oil that will ~~come~~ probably
come in the course of 10 mo's to come, the
consumption in this country has greatly
increased, but greatly disproportionate to ~~thee~~
what may be expected — the Ann will be
finished at a great expence, as I have wrote
thee already she has about 100 new toh timbers
an entire ~~new~~ new waste, which is now nearly
planked, has exellent new wails & black
streaks, I will be when finished better than
ever she was, we hope'd to safe most of her
Copper but as we are at so much expence
& find the Iron is injured and her seams open
under the Sheathing, it will not be prudent
to take it off, & I fear most of it will not go
on again, we have 8 men at work on her
the avarage of their wages 1¼ Dol — and all
good workmen —

170 The Minerva goes on the Baltic again as soon as the season arrives which will give her much leasure in London — it has occurd to us as much Tobacco has gone to London & bills drawn theron fm Virginia that it is likely to be over stock'd & should the market at Bremen or Hamburg continue high during the winter we may make use of the Ships funds for her Cargo in taking a Cargo for one of those places & perhaps save more than a freight for this purpose we shall write to our frends Fer Delius at Bremen to advise thee of the probability of a market & if it will do to calculate upon the Tobacco to answer our Petersburg freinds for the Rusia Cargo should thou be in London I wish thee to consult our Interest with Capt Gardner & advise accordingly & if it meets thy wishes from sufficient prospect of advantage to join in the Concern in the Cargo of tobacco or west India goods it will be quite agreeable to us — we only calculate upon £2500 from Dickason & Co upon the Ships arrival to make our Cargo fm Rusia having already made arrangments for £1000 of Dickason & £1000 fm G Smith & Co actually in their hands

we duly recd the Invoice of watches which came to hand to good satisfaction & we have Cr T D & Co their Acct & thyself for that of Abm who desires his thanks for thy attention it pleases him well

The Hickle teeth floor Cloth & also the bricks have also reachd us in safety & am much obliged by thy attention thereto, doubt not the cloth will please not yet having opend it —

On the rec'd of thine I wrote immediatly 1/1
J Andrews Boston & found Ewers had been some
time in Boston & had Chartered the Lady for
to go to Demarara & was near Sailing not being
able to leave my wife I left the Andrews who
was not able to obtain payment, for the
Bill I have rec'd 2 or 3 letters from Ewers wherein
he says the Thin is much endebted to him
& Andrews has not been able to do anything
he rec'd all the Acc't & will send them to me
we have by our last letters to S D & H before
the present conveyance requested them to pay
the £500 if thou wanted, brother S R has more
money at Command for thy Acc't that if
thou wishes more let me know it & I
will remit to thee if thou does not want
the £500 it may remain to our Cr if thou
takes it shall be Chd thee a 1/2 p Ct Discount
the price we sold when we ordered it —

With much Love I am &c

To John Beard 11 mo 27. 1798

We write the some time since indorsing $61
received of S Cornell & this day he has paid us the Balance of his note
with Interest thereon to this time and we now indorse thee our Check
on the Nantucket Bank for $21.83 amount thereof agreeable
to sketch here annexed which if wright please to acknowledge the
receipt thereof by aline to us — Inclosed is also thy receipt to
S Cornell for $500 — We are &c

5 mo 31. 93

Amount of Note - $61.00
4 month Interest .. 1.62
82.62
9 mo 24 paid 61.00
21.62
2 months Interest .. 21
21.83
11 mo 27 paid Balance 21.83

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Hbro 19 1798

To Geo Folger Jun^r

Inclosed we hand thee, 2 Orders John Alden on Francis Joy for Seventy Five Dollars and Jared Gardner on Samuel Riddle for Thirty Seven Dollars Seventeen Cents which Please to receive & place to our Credit — Wiare &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton Hbro 19. 1798

We are much mortified that we have to apologise for the forfeture of our promise in not having prepared to meet our acceptance at the Bank but we trust the reasons we have to give thee & the extream regret we feel, will reconcile it to thy mind with our promise of being more attentive in future — The an una= =countable omission our Fr^d F K Jr though in in Boston until One O Clock never call'd at the Post Office where he would have met our letter & have the Cash to bring with him with which he would have taken up the bill the mail being but out of course did not reach town until late last evening & hearing the time it left Boston we rested perfectly easy that our wishes were accomplished when on seeing F K this morning after the mail left town we were astonish'd to find our dis apointment

This is all the apology we can offer but cannot but hope as steady a

transmission after the discovery as ~~so~~ no[table] will reestablish our confidence at the Bank, — rely upon it there was no design nor could we anticipate the least advantage by the delay — we have now the pleasure of inclosing three W R & Sons Check on the Union Bank for $7 Seven hundred Fifty Dollars with which please to discharge Mathew's bill —

To Jn° Hastings N° 19. 98

We are

Shine of 11 inclosing

$55 we duly rec[d] from Nant[t] Bank & now Inclose the 2 Boston Bank Bills for the Amo

We also inclose a letter for P Roe Dalton that contains a Check for the payment of a Bill already fallen due thy particular attention to its early delivery will much oblige — We are &

To Joseph Stansbury N° 15. 1798

At our instance our Wp brother in Lay Sam[l] Rodman proposed with the our terms for making some insurance upon our Ship Lydia Fitch master, and he has communicated to us thy reply our last letter from Cap[n] Fitch was to the Maria Cap[n] Paddock dated June 17, we think it was two three weeks later that they started, but as Cap[n] Paddock is not here we cannot ascertain the exact period the time than our noted, July 14 we think rather after the time therefore request it may be from the date our letter from Cap[n] Fitch if we wish the Insurance effected

from the date of our letter from Capt Fitch
I we with the insurance effected $4000, upon
the Ship valued at $12000, & $4000 upon her
Cargo of oil, Capt Fitch has received our instructions
to Call at Masa Fuero in the neighbourhood
where he cruises for whales, Where our Ship Barclay
has a Crew taken Seal Skins, and if he could
conveniently take some skins on board
bring them home this we mention as
no dispute might arrise if he should take
go there, altho in his letter it makes it
doubtfull respecting his stopping — The Lydia
wanted 300 Bls to fill & proposed leaving that
Coast in 2 months after the Maria, & if not then
full expected to Stop on the Coast of Brasil, which
is directly in the Course home & fill up with
Whale oil, we look for her in four weeks —
Shou will please express the policy that all
these circumstances may be ~~considered~~ admitted
the premium 7½ pCt. — and upon thy information
what Discount will be ~~made~~ made upon paying
down we will either remit the money or
procure some of our frds to sign a note with
us — Our Ship Barclay is now on her
third voyage a fine Ship of 280 tons built
of best materials Live oak and Cedar & Copperd
Sheathing & Bolted Griffin Barney master has
been out between 14 & 15 mos; was in the
third month last left at the Island of
Masa fuera in the Pacific Ocean with
abt 300 Bls Sp oil carried 28 hand, all, 7 of
which to be landed on that Island for

Skins & had at that time been 18 d/ and procured 2000 Skins we do not expect her return untill next Spring, if the Company will write upon that Shiw, at the same premium, we shall be glad of $8000 upon her $6000 upon the Shiw & appertinences valued at $4000 and $2000 upon her Oil —
Please also to say what Cn will be allowed for the premium to govern our remit= =tance, or note — We shall be plea'd to hear fm thee by return of the Packet,
enquire the premium @ Mercava

We are very respectfully &

To Isaac Hicks

11 mo 20 . 98

Thine of 5th inst came duly to hand with the bricks & mill Irons by Capn Taber please transmit us a Bill of the expences & of the Iron when convenient

The Iron will answer ~~awarding~~ except are which either did not came awarding to our orders or an omission in them —

We request thou will not omit sending by Capn Taber this time one Lawer & pair for a ~~perpiendar~~ perpendicular shaft eleven inches diamiter with an egg point, the one sent will not answer on acct of its being square

Inclosed we hand the invoice of 14 Casks very good Sperm Oil for winter use which we hope will turn into Cash the price we do not limit, knowing thou will do the best thou can for us, & therefore and therefore leave thee to exercise thy

176 own judgment, in effecting a sale for Cash — Hope thy next will inform us favourable Sales both of Russia Goods & Candles than having a considerable Sale of the latter in Prospect when last wrote — altho the C.ᵉ is long, we trust still all is good things as others — as buying in any goods would not answer our term, those mentioned J. Jones trade therein — Please send us by Saber 1 Bl good buckwheat meal free fm grit — our AB procured some very good at J H's last winter —

22. Since writing the foregoing Mother has arrived fm your City, altho we had no letter fm thee at least none has yet come to hand, we have Ship'd the Saber 50 Bx 4th Candles & inclosed invoice, finding thou had nearly run off all our Shipments of 100 Bx Mother previous to the sickness & hope those sent last time with the present may find a speedy Sale was also pleased to find, thou had commenced the Sale of our Duck & ere this hope much progress has been made therein —

We hope those will encourage our making another Shipment of Sperm oil by last Sabers returns we rec.ᵈ a Bl of Shagbarks by Last Saber but as we have no letter we do not know the Cost — ——

Wm Reed

To Thaddeus Mayhew 11mo 22. 98

Thy two fav.s of 17th & 15th inst.

are now before us, we notice thy sale of the remaining Candles we have accordingly made thee another Shipment of 850 Boxes by Capt. Taber agreeable to inclosed invoice — We are &c

To Jared Gardner 11mo 23. 1798

We request on thy arrival in London thou will write immediately to our frd.s Delnis Bremen to learn the State of their Market for Coffee Sugar & Tobacco and after consulting with our BR, the Prospect appears warrantable to take over 2 or £3000 Cost of those articles that Delnis & BR think will do to risk upon & that Delnis will feel confidence enough in to warrant an acceptance of Drafts from the Petersburg House so as not to disappoint us of funds for the Rupsia Cargo it will be agreeable to us to make such trial, but it will be necessary to be very particular as to the quality of the goods for that market & we think it advisable to have the property insured as also the Ship & in case this does not take place & the Ship can be insured at a low premium from London to Petersburg we leave it to thee to have it done at thy discretion as in that Case if top of the Vessel should take place than might find another good American Ship to purchase on reasonable terms and still pursue the Rupsian Voyage — but before the is insured it will be necessary to bear

in mind, that if insured thou cannot Sail without a Convoy for England & if the prospect of Convoy is not good as early as thou will wish to Sail, we had rather risk the Ship while empty, than have her detaind long as we wish thee to use every exertion to be the very first Ship for Petersburg, which we have no doubt may be effected, if thou does not make a double frt — & if thou does thou may with common Succes be still out early —

as thou knows the general articles we want, it is unnecessary to enumerate what thou will have purchased, and it will be equally agreeable to us for thee to leave our proportion of frt with T D & Co & immediately order the Petersburg house to draw the same in addition to the funds we have already provided & if thou could do the same for the whole Balance of frt we think it may lessen thy detention at Petersburg but this we leave wholly at thy Disposal — we have requested T B & Co to have every thing ready for thy arrival & we wish thee to keep them advised when thou art likely to be there that nothing may be lacking for thy Dispatch

and also remember to write be every opportunity — as it is very expensive laying long in London we recommend every attention to save expence & hope thou will not loose a single day in sailing for the Baltic as early as will be prudent, which thou will be able to judge of for the state of the Winter —

We do not wish for any Calf Skins or feathers except one good bed for R A & thou must be governd by the prices, in bringing Duck, Ravens Duck, & Sheeting's, we shall prefer the 2d quality of Rusia Duck similar to what thou brought before — one or two Ps of fine white Rusia Sheeting will be acceptable —

Signal Jack at M T G Head
Burgee a F T G Head

We are &c

To Elisha Sigourny & Sons N York 27. 1798.

We wrote you under date of the 16th Inst since which we are without any of your favs we have inclosed you our draft on J Husey $991.16 which we hope you will duly receive & cancel our note therewith of which that was the balance J G inform'd us he was indebted to you $552.50 which he has requested us to Cancel, and as he anticipates some indulgence thereon we should be glad to know if payment therefor out of our Sales falling due next 4th mo will be greeable your charging us with the Interest

Should this not prove convenient we will endeavour to make some other arrangments but fm the extream difficulty we find in realizing Cash fm our collections are induced to ask our indulgence

Since our last have examined your Ac

180 which are right except a short
of ten Dollars in Cash if our books are
made conformable thereto — Capt Gardner
in the Minerva left this port for London
on the 11th we take the liberty to
inclose you one letter for London which
we shall be obliged by your forwarding
the the first Ship — We are

To Miriam Fitch 11 mo 29 1798

We wrote thee on 29th Ult informing
we should attend to thy request in having the Insurance made
we have accordingly written to New York to have Insurance made
on the Lydia & her Cargo (which they wrote us they would take
at 7½ p Cent) and if they accede to our proposals sent last week
we shall consider $1000 on thy Husbands account — We are

Joseph Byrnes 12 mo 1. 98

Thine p Capt Earl have been duly
rec'd — Altho your market affords but small encouragement
for the Sale of Sp Oil we have been induced to make thee
another shipment of this article p Capt Dennis via Newport
of which thou hast Invoice & Bill Lading inclosed —
also invoice of 13 Bls of linseed oil both of which we hope
thou will find a ready Sale. The prospect of a market
when thou last wrote for Sp Oil we hope thou embraced
& those thou will leave your City bare of this Article
which will be favourable for the present Shipment
we can however rely with confidence that no
endeavours on thy part will be wanting to
effect a Sale favourable to Thy Interest

We are &c

Thine of 15 Ult came duly
to hand we C^r Thy Amo^t for 2 C^a Rice 10. 1. 23
a $2. 25 $23. 52 — we will also take Thy
remittance by Kempton at the same rate
as we sold part of that remittance 2 p^r C^t Dis^r
. 2 p^r C^t Charge at Hamburg & London is 4 p^r C^t
discount as p^r Sketch makes $292. 98 which w
shall hap to Thy C^r — Our W^m having some
dividends due at your Bank we inclose the our
B Book & shall be oblig^d by Thy having that ac
quitted & receive the balance for which purpos
we here inclose thee a B^k Check to fill up
as soon as we ascertain the Amo^t shall inclo
thee a check of R Island Bank for the balance

Yours &c

Lazard & Durant 12 mo 1 98

Your letter of 10 mo 31
we duly rec^d w^th renewed appearances of Pun
=tuality with which our patience is almost
exhausted & Months be exceeding glad to find
them realized we however entertain a hope
of shortly hearing from you again & that
more favourably — we should have been
glad you had mentioned whether our Linseed oil was
on hand or not, as some thirds by S R at
same time to another house has been
sold from 108 to 115 C^ts p^r gal^n hope you have
been fortunate enough to make a favourable
sale of ours

Yours &c

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12mo 3. 1798

To Joseph Hussey

Thy several favours of 21st & 29th ult & 21st ulto came duly to hand, with acct Sales of Oil amt $738.6 & Candles amt $860.8 both to thy Debit – also the Invoices of Goods & Bills Charges thereon, which shall be duly Credited thy Acompt – We find by thy acompt & Sales rendered (and now due) a Balance due us of ~~one~~ $1000 or there abouts allowing some of the Sales not yet due, to meet the payment of Bonds for the Duties on the last goods rec'd 8 month hence –

We shall be under necessity of drawing on thee shortly for this amount – Please to send us by first convey ance a Cask good new Raisins & a Box best Chocolate & a half Barrel good Tongues all for family use – Cap Easton in a Sloop from Dartmouth is now at Boston, if he has come away please send them to Nantucket – We are &c

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12 mo 4. 1798

To James Andrews

Inclosed is Joseph O Cains Note to Jas Stewart for $300 – which he has endorsed to thee payable in ten days, we wish thou would attend & receive for acct – Stewart & O Cain are now both here & bound to Boston, the latter is in the Armed Brig Betsey of Baltimore & will leave this place in a few days –

Thy early & particular attention to have this money paid before they leave Boston will much oblige thy assured friends W R & C:

Thy several favr of 15. 24 & 27 ult
are now before us the latter by this days Post
by which we observe thou hast made Sale
of all our Oil Sive hose on a Short Cr.
By Capt. Taber thou will receive 18 Casks
very pure winter Strained Sperm Oil which we
hope will prove very good & quite free
from any mixture of whale Sas we
think there has not nor cannot much
winter Strained Oil go from Nantucket
immediatly we flatter ourselves thou will
be able to command a good price for the
present Invoice — We wish thou will
be Pretticular to have the Oil stored in
a warm Cellar as perhaps some of it may
get a little chilled on the passage, if the Weather proves very cold. We also send by
same conveyance 100 pcs Rio Sheeting & the
necessary documents for obtaining the
debenture — We are sorry thou did not mention
the Cr. of the Sale thou has a prospect of
making — We flatter ourselves of being able
to keep thee supplied with the best kind
of Oil if the demand with you encourages
our shipping it — as early as thou can make
us same remittance on Acct Sales, will be very
gratefully rec'd the scarcecity of Cash being
extreamly great to the northward —

We wish thou would procure & send us by
Capt Taber. The book entitled Darwins Botanic
Garden or the Love of the Plants —

Ditto Zeunomia or laws of Organic Life

184 as thyself & our mutual frd Hicks will probably be the only holders of the best kind Lamp oil, the having some of our also, we flatter ourselves your united endeavours will be able to entrance the price of this article for the last sales & make a very favourable disposal of these last Shipments — We are &c

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To Joseph Anthony &Co 12 mo 7. 98

We wrote you on 11th by Bunker since which none of your esteemed favr have come to hand we mentiond our intention of Shiping you pure Sp oil, but untill now we have not been able to find a Vessell that would take it, indeed for the already advanced season & apparantly Cold weather makes it doubtfull of its getting up to the City before the Delaware closes —

Inclosed is invoice of 105 Ca best winter Wh Sp oil, for winter use, for its quality we flatter ourselves a favourable sale will be found for it — perhaps a few Casks may be so child on the passage as to make it thick but we with you would endeavour to procure a warm Cellar for what you store — altho in our last we mentiond of 3 would be preferable to its laying long on hand, but as there cannot any more go this winter & very little if any now at your market / presuming the Nantucket Vessels could not have much Sp oil, except summer Std on board / with the benifit of the whole winter Sale, we hope

you will be able to make it command
$1 or nearly so — at N York the summer
sts command 7/ that currency, but believe
you will study our Interest in the Sale
thereof, both as to the most advantageous
time & price which you may accept, we
can with confidence rely on your judge-
ment therein — Capt Rowland being
fearfull of getting caught be the ice we
were under necessity of making a
conditional bargain for the first — 3/6 Lm
p/Bl or if he is froze 4/ Lm — Having but
few candles on hand shall omit sending any
this time —

We are &c

12mo 7. 1798

To Isaac Hicks

Thy 2 favours of 26th Ult we recivd by
Taber & also thine of 18th Ultc recently recivd via Nantucket — We are
sorry thou wert not able to transmit us more favourable acct of
the prospect of Disposing of the Calf Skins — but we shall however
forward thee the small ones which we hope thou will be able to
command three quarters of a Dollar p piece but do not wish
them long held. if they will not fetch more than 68 or 70 Cents
also hope thou art progreping considerably in the Duck Sales
as we see none of a superior quality to that — the Shirtings
also we hope begins to find a demand — We now forward thee
by Capt Taber p Invoice — thirteen Casks Sperm Oil of the best
kind for winter use, which we hope thou will be able to command
a favourable sale & at an enlarged price from 7/. with the last
Shipment by Taber which was we think of the same kind
it being winter strained & free from mixture of stale Oil & we
think but very little of this kind has gone or will go immediate
-ly from Nantucket & probably thyself with our mutual friend

I Mayhew are the only holders of this article by your united endeavours we flatter our selves you will be able to avail yourselves of the full Benifit of the market. on this subject we have likewise written him — We wish thou would have following Insurance made for our acompt - on Ship Barclay Griffen Barney Master at & from the Pacific Ocean until her return to this place with liberty to Cruise for Whales & go in at the Island for the accommodation of the Skinning Party for $6000 - and $4000 on Ship Lydia Obed Fitch Master at & from D° with the same liberty and $4000 on her cargo - we wish thou would have full liberty granted to both vessells for the full accommodation both of whaling & Skinning & be insured against all risks - for particulars of dates & thou can apertain from our letter to the secretary on this subject - as we suppose thou art not in Earth for our Act. we prefer accepting the Credit for the Premium — our friend & neighbour Joseph Austin who is Jr owner of Sloop Franklin wishes thou would have $400 Insurance made thereon for his acompt at & from the place of her destination in the West Indies & until her returned against all risks. if it can be done for 5 P Cent please inform us by return of Taber which thou effects this last insurance or not as that will regulate his having it done here — Please send us by Taber one hundred of the thinest sheet Iron thou can procure & such as is soft & will bend without breaking it being to make for our Spinning Factory none but such will answer —

As we shall be in want of some Beef in the Spring hearing it sells dear at your market. & fearing it may take a rise we wish thou would Ship us 50 B.ls of good Prime Beef unless thou thinks any advantage to be made in defering o purchase. as we shall not

want it until spring please to be particular in the purchase
to have good Ox Beef Not being able to procure a Bill on
N York we have taken the liberty to draw on thee in favour of
C Poor for $600 & we hope thou will be in Cash for our accompt
to meet it, altho if thou art not, and is not convenient for thee
to do it, please to honour it & Charge us with the Discount
if we could have procured Bank Bills that would have
answer'd we should have sent them — Please to advise of
the state of your market for Whale Oil &c Mare &c

Peter Roe Dalton 12 mo 10, 1768

Thy two fav of 1st & 2d inst
came duly to hand & am much obliged by
thy assurance of the continuance of our
confidence at the Bank — We now draw
thee our order on J Hussey for $500 at 30 dys
St which we shall be obliged by thy having
accepted & wishing to avail ourselves immea-
-diately of a part of it shall feel additionally
obliged by thy having the same Discounted
& inclosed is a check for the Discount
Mare &c

Joseph Hussey 12 mo 10 68

We have this day drawn
on thee for $500 at 30 dys St in fav P R Dalton
which we shall be obliged by thy honouring
when it appears — We wrote thee last
week requesting thou would send us a Cask
fresh Raisins 1 box best chocolate for family
use — by first conveyance Mare &c

188 To Elisha Sycamore & Sons 12 mo 10. 98:

Your favr of 1st inst duly rec'd & note the contents. Inclosed we Your own Check for $250 which please to endorse & Gardners note

Weave &c

To Chr M Sloan 12 mo 8. 1798

Thy letter tho' dated 24th Ult did not reach me until this morning. Capt Taber being quite full & waiting only a fair wind, puts it out of my power to make thee any Shipment by him but should any other conveyance present intend sending thee some Strained Oil of the best kind.

We have this week loaded the Sloop Union G Hoxlan Mr for Philadelphia, but the season being so far advanced we shall convent if the Delaware is shutt to deliver it at New York should he go there with it & there sees a prospect of selling it. Please to call upon him for 20 to 2500 Gallons, the quality of the Oil I believe preferable to any carried at this season from Nantucket having been pressed from head Matter last winter & Spring. It will be best in winter to store it in a warm Cellar that its fluidity may be promoted or preserved, & I request thy care to see that it does not leak while selling. If we can get some Whale Oil from a Ship now in on whom we have great demands, intend sending thee some. I am respectfully thy assured friend Wm Rotch Junr

To Isaac Hicks 12mo 10. 1798

We have already written thee pretty fully by the present conveyance — but conclude to have some Insurance made upon the Minerva J Gardner M^r and not having orders it before we now request thou would have $1000 Insurance upon the Cargo of Oil for our account from this Port to London against all risks the said on 12 of 11month nine orthen time the rason has been very mild — As to the Choice of offices we must rely on thy judgment, but if thou thinks the Individuals equally safe we prefer them as the difference of Premium will pay the Comission on them and would remark that when we compensate others for the risk taken, should wish to be Insured — We have just loaded the Sloop Union Gilbert Haviland M^r for Phila^a with 1pcm Oil prime last Winter & Spring about 27 Tons, but the reason being so far advanced, we shall convert if the Delaware is shut, to deliver it at N York should he go there with it, we wish thou to receive her Cargo for our acc^t & if she meets with a Sale there, we agree to allow them the Customary freight from this place, which if thou sees a prospect of doing thou may pay — On her arrival we wish 20 to 2500 Gallons of her Cargo delivered C Mowrin — If thou receives this Parcel of Oil & the Delaware afterwards opens to the admition of Navigation and it is not dishonord of we wish thou would embrace the first opportunity to get it to Philadelphia as we are very anxious to avail ourselves of the market there this winter early in Spring — Ware &c

To Elroy Winslow 12 mo 15. 1798

Inclosed we hand thee Barker & Lord Bill on John Innes Clark at 60 Days for $1000 which we shall be obliged by thy having accepted and at maturity plac'd to our C^r — We are &c

To Capt Josh Kempton 12mo 16. 1798

Thow being master of our Brig Eliza now loaded with dry Codfish. we recommend thy going directly to Cadiz or Gibralter where if thow does not find a good market for the Fish. thow will be able to learn how the markets are in other ports of Spain. and if thow sell at Cadiz we think it will be best to load with Salt and take in a little fruit for this market. and return directly to this Port. but if thow goes into the Mediteranion & can procure a freight of very good freight for the Philadelphia Market. it may do to take it. but as we are unacquainted with that market we must rely upon thy procuring the best information what will do for it. a few Quarter Casks of best Malaga or Lerbon wine for our own use may be brought. We understand that at Philadelphia they have a small market for Lemons. if thow returns here from Cadiz or elsewhere we shall like a few Boxes Lemons & one or 2 of Arranges with abox of best Florence Oil and a few Jars of Raisins & 4 Jars best Grapes — Upon the whole we cannot give thee any positive Orders but must leave thee to act thy own Judgment only observe not to purchase or bring for our Acomt. any brandies Prize Goods or warlike goods — whatever money thow can have to spare out of the Cargo Back we wish thee to remit if not too much loss to our friends in London or Hamburg —

To Josha Hastings 12mo 24 Mear

Thy favour of inclosing $105 came duly to hand with our Bank Book, for thy attention thereto accept our thanks — Inclosed we hand thee our Check on Branch Bank for $105 exchanged — thy forwarding the inclosed letter to London or Liverpool will much oblige thy friends &c

To James Andrews 12 mo 24. 1798

Thy esteemd favour we duly recievd & note the Contents — Capt. Cain sailed from here some time since & we heard yesterday he was at the Vineyard waiting a suitable time to put out for Boston — Stewart went in the same stage by which we sent our Letter inclosing Cains Note — and considering Stewart holden for the discharge thereof at maturity, was the only ground on which we consented to Cains departure & as that time has now expir'd we expect Stewart (who we suppose to be in Boston) will pay the note & not wait for Cains arrival — which at this ~~time~~ season is very uncertain — On the Subject of a Hamburg Shipment we intend writing thee again —

We are &c

To Hazard & Seyrault 12 mo 26. 1798

Your several favours of 9th 16th & 20th ults are all duly at hand, and the latter inclosed Barker & Lords first & second Bill of Exchange on J J Clark for $1000, which we have forwarded for acceptance & when paid will duly appear to your Credit

This remittance is very acceptable & hope you will be fortunate enough to let us hear again from you shortly in the same way — You having made Sale of nearly all of our former Shipments of Candles, we hope you will be able to find a ready market for the last Invoice of 50 Boxes Can[d]. Please to say how much Linseed Oil you have on hand of ours — We are &

To Jonathan Hastings 12 mo 31. 1798

Thy favour of 27th ult. inclosing $112 came duly to hand & we hand thee that sum exchang'd in our Check of $12 & a U S B Bill № 148 for $100 — For thy Care in forwarding our letter to Europe accept our thanks — We are &

1 mo 1. 1799

To Thaddeus Mayhew

Capt Tabor arrived yesterday & handed us thy esteemed favour of 24th ult. by which we are pleased to find thou had concluded the Sale of the Oil sent by him, and regret that the Shetlings were not also sold, as the delay & increase length of Credit puts the period very distant before we can realize the proceeds, which at this dearth of money creates an anxiety to promote our Collections by all the means in our power, it was this consideration that induced us in our last to make the observation we did, & not from the least doubt we had of thy attention to punctuality, as we have experienced no want of it in our trans actions with thee

Thy Sales of Candles have been Short of any we have had made in NYork, Hicks sent us Sales of Tabor ~~for~~ of 100 Boxes none under 52 Cents, we were pleased with thy sales at 56 cents for Cash but when 6 mo Credit is given at same price it makes them fall much Short of others, we received thine of 1st ult after the date of our last but previous to Tabers Saling. at that time we had no Candles on hand nor have we had any since but our Dutch brig absent from Town & having 30 Boxes Candles on ~~hand~~ board Sloop Union Gilbert Howland now at Dartmouth Loaded for Philadelphia we have taken the liberty to direct them to thee, but with the to hold them at 4/2 or 4/3 at which he & WR I have generally had them sold by JOS Parsons until he directs to the Contrary

We ~~the~~ are glad to find thou hast reserved the $50 from R Tabor which we have placed to thy debit, & Shall Credit the bill of Books, for thy attention to which we are much obliged, we have not yet received them but hope they are in one of thy fathers Trunks Capt Tabor not having any knowledge of them

Capt Howland who was loaded for Philadelphia principally from our connections now determins to go for NewYork & we have thee herein Invoice of 45 Casks best pris'd Oil of same Quality as

the Last, which we hope thou will do equally as well with, 193
by this Vessell J Hicks receives about 2000 Gallons H C Slocum
about the same which is all he has on board — we have 4 Tons
more which we with to find a market for. that as soon as thou
sees an opening we with thy early advice — at present we alot
it for Philadelphia as soon as the Navigation is free, If thou
finds your Market overstock'd and the season will any time
admit of Vessels going to Philadelphia before the Nantucket
Vessels pass, it will be agreeable to us to have such quantity
as thou thinks best sent to J Anthony & Co —

Thy Father will pay us $300 when we Call — Ware &

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1 mo 1. 99

To Chr.° Slocum

Thy favour of 27 ult.° to our W R J.
rec.d yesterday, & Capt Howland of Sloop Union having given
up his Voyage to Philadelphia after going as far as Dartmouth
only, he now concludes to go on for New York and agreeable
to our W R intimation we now inclose thee Invoice of 31 Cask
best Press'd Sperm Oil which we hope thou'l find a speedy
sale for — our last to T Mayhew sets us a little over 84 Cents
at 7/ pr Currency at that price thou may take it to thy
own acompt if most agreeable at 4 months ~~Credit~~ from this
time, then accounting with our W R J.° as he & thee propos'd by
note on Interest, or it may be sold for our acompt between with
the price not reduc'd from what our other Correspondents will
at, as it may not only affect our interest in this parcel but in
larger, and it is already selling at a certain loss to us —

Ware &

To Phillips & Houghton

1 mo 2. 1799

Your 19th ult.° is now at hand
on examining our Sale Book we find two pond

1mo 1. 99

To Isaac Hicks

Thy several favours 24 & 27 Ult are before us & note their Contents, the Insurance Premium & will be duly entered with Invoice of Bff — Capt Taber Informs us he has some Sheet Iron onboard but as we have no acct of any from thee we cannot say as its ours — We have concluded on sending the Cargo of Oil by the Union Capt Haviland to your market, and observing thou has considerable on hand and not a prospect of an immediate sale and T Mayhew having disposed of all his, we think best to divide the Quantity sending thee agreeable to inclosed Invoice 29 Cask about 2000 Gallons —

If thou finds your market over stock'd and the season will any time admit of Vessels going to Philadelphia before the Nantucket Vessels pass, it will be agreable to us to have such quantity as thou thinks best sent to J Anthony & C.

This Cargo of Oil is of the same quality with our last shipment, both of which we hope thou will be able soon to sell — by this Vessell T Mayhew receives about 2300 Gallons & C Sperm 2000 which is all she has onboard — Weare &c

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1mo 2 99

To P & T Haughton

Yours 19 nov is now ~~before~~ at hand & on examining our Sales Book we find 2 parcels of paper not Carried to acct the first Parcel 40 bundles @ J Delano there has ben Sales rendered the latter 22 bu @ Capt Shepherd we now have your the am of both $140.39 for which we now inclose you WR J Chk for that am on the U Bank of this date we wish you would be so kind as to examin a sea if neither of these shipments have ben remitted for the ~~latter~~ former being Closed about the 6mo 97 both of which we had no Idea were yet remaining in hands not accounted for — Weare &c

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1mo 2. 1799

To Peter Roe Dalton

Annexed we hand thee a small order on Thomas Dickason Junr which we shall be obliged by thy collecting & placing to our Credit — Thy obliging favour of 19th Ult has ben duly received — Ware &c.

To Thomas Dickason Junr 1mo 2. 1799

Since the American Accounts were forwarded we have paid two Small Sums for her a Bill of which is here annexed amount $5.75 shall be obliged by thy payment the same to the Cashier of the Branch, to whom we will forward an Order — We are &c

1mo 5. 99

To Jona. Hastings

Thy favour inclosing $425 we duly receivd & now inclose 4 U S B Bills $100 each on Mass B Bill of $10 & our Check for $14.97, being all we have in the Bank shall make up the deficiency some future time — We are &c Shall be obliged by thy handing our Bank Book in to the Bank & when agjusted return the same to us

Union Bank Nos 4841 2044 7088 . date 10mo 1. 1792 — We are &c
ditto .... 251 . . . . . 10mo 7. 1796
Mass Bank 2260 . . . . . 1mo 1. 1795

To P R Dalton 10mo 14. 1799

Inclosed we hand thee a Check for 4 Bank ~~for~~ Dated Dec 22. 98 for $279.79 which please to Place to our Credit — We are &c

1mo 15. 1799

To George Sears

We have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of thy esteemed favours of 12 & 25 ult and are much obliged by thy attention to our business with the Delanos the bills of Exchange are rec & we thank thee for thy care in forwarding one of them, for thy attention to that matter thou will please to charge us. Delano landed some of his Plaster of Paris, which is under our direction and we propose sending to thee when the navigation opens, please when thou writes mention the price thou can obtain for it if it reaches your market early in the Spring — We duly rec Copy of thy Sales of Oil & Candles Amounts of which are placed to thy debit — We also

Credit thee Mathewsys draft on Shearman for $60 — When we wrote thee upon the Subject of a Shipment to Europe we were Loading a Ship for London to go from thence to the Baltic, & we doubted our arrangments being sufficient to establish an adequate fund for her cargo back, but having since made ample provisions, we are indifferent as to the Shipment proposed & finding the articles thou mentions so much advanced beyond our expectations, if thou has not made any contracts thereupon, we think it may be best to omitet — We are satisfied in the sale of the Rupia Duck altho the Credit is long & we have the same quality selling in New York at $20 — We intend sending the 50 or 100 $ more by first Conveyance — We notice in thy sales of 41 Casks Ad their amo: on one Dollar, which corrected makes the net amo: thereof $270.6 to thy Debit — As we have given up the Idea of a Shipment to Europe, we wish thou would remitus $700 or the amo of what thou has rec.d for our acct. (supposing Delano is not yet rec.d) by post on N Y & B Bills cutting them & forwarding by two seperate Mails Bills of the Boston Branch we prefer — Hear PS We hear Capt J Myrick of your port has arrive in the Nieyard sound & that his letters are forwarded by the Falmouth Mail. least they should not arrive we give this information —

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1 mo 15. 1799

To James Andrews

We rec.d thy esteemed favour of 9 th.t inclosing 2 Sales of 150 Boxes Candles which finding free from error we placed to the debit of thy Acct. — We hope thou hast rec.d payment of the estate of Reed mentioned in thy former letter to have declared — As Capt Cain has arrived in Boston we hope thou has rec.d payment of him or Stewart for the accepted Order of which we wish to be informed that we may remit the amo to N York as soon as may be —

We are &

To Isaac Hicks 1mo 15 1799

We have written thee p the Union Capt
G Howland on the 1st instant but fear he has not yet gone out of Dart-
mouth — the Unions Cargo we had design'd for the Phila Market but
the severity of the weather we were induced to change her voyage for as
the Delaware was fast — out of her cargo we have requested the Capt
to deliver thee 29 Casks about 2000 Gallons — Since we wrote thee by
Capt Howland thine of 19th p Post has been receivd & Contents noted

Onboard of the Lucretia Capt Taber we have shipd 2 Bales Calf
Skins of the large size which with the small ones we hope thou will be
able to market readily & on good terms — In thy Sales of 59 Casks
of Sperm we notice one Cask to have been rec: of Allen Shepherd
of 19 Gall he has given us on acompt of 2 Casks gauging 48 & 57
& inform'd us one of the two had sustaind considerable leakage
which we suppose to be the one in thy Sales — Please to say if thou
hast any knowledge of the other Casks — We wish thou would remit
B Barney of Albany. $146 & place to our acompt, we have not
given him an Order therefore as soon as thou can make it conve-
-nient to accommodate him therewith, it will greatly oblige him —

Capt Taber in the time Fame will be going for your place about the
middle of next month, we shall be glad to hear of the state of your
market for our Staple. Oil & Candles, so as to make a Shipment by
him if encouraging — We are &c

To Thaddeus Mayhew 1mo 16 1799

By Jamalel Bryant Jr in Schoon
Rainbow Capt Shearman we shipd 2 Casks Linseed Oil 96 g Spm
Oil for Savannah since which we hear that he has met with no sale
& expected shortly be in N York — If he should arrive we wish thou
to receive the same & dispose of the same for our acompt — we hope
Capt Shearman will be favourable in his Cargo of Freight, not having
been benefited by its circuitous rout — We are &

1 mo 21. 1799

To Wm Mackay Junr

Thy favour of 15th inst is duly at hand & agreeable to thy request we shall forward the Muff by this Stage directed to the care of Joseph Hussey — We suppose Capt Barnard provides for the purchase of the Muff — we therefore shall be obliged by thy having the Charges thereon (6/66) paid to our Credit at the B Bank

We are &c

To John Harting

1 mo 21

Thy favour of 15 is duly at hand inclosing one hundred & Sixty eight Dollars which is exchanged & indorsed to our Check for the same amo — The Bank Book came safe, for thy kind attention thereto accept our thanks — We are &c

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To Moses Swasey

1 mo 22. 1799

Inclosed we hand thee three Notes agreeable to annexed memorandum which we shall be obliged by thy collecting and place to our Credit —

Nath Hazard to Rowland Hazard dated Nov 29. 1796 at 90 Days for $500 — John Robenson Junr to Ditto Dated December 26. 1798 at 60 Days for $400 —

John Robenson Junr to Ditto January 2. 1798 for 600

$1500

To Mead & Amory

1 mo 29 We are &c

out of friendship to our friend Paull Bentalow of Baltimore we have assisted Capt J Myrick with Fifteen hundred Dollars who informed us he believed you were in the habit of doing Bentalows Business if it should be agreeable for you to take Capt Myricks draft on his owners, we will forward it down by next post. if not we shall be obliged by your information whether said draft at five Days sight will fetch Par if we should

extend the Credit of Payment to 30 or 40 — Capt. Myrick is from the Isle of France put into the vinyard & waiting orders from Baltimore — we have his draft on his owners Paull Bentalow & Vaulk & Co. Merchants Baltimore — We are &c

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To J & TH Perkins 1 mo 29 1799

Capt Jonathan Myrick of the Ship Flora of Baltimore has put into the Vinyard from Isle of France where he is waiting Orders, and having discharged part of his Crew; has made application to us for Assistance, out of friendship to our friend Paul Bentalow (one of his owners) we have furnished him $1500 & taken his draft upon his owners for that amo at 5 days — If you are in the habit of doing business for our said friend & could make it convenient to take up the bill for his acct it would much accommodate us — if not we shall be obliged by your information whither it will command par if we should extend the Cr. of payment 30 or 40 Days your reply will much oblige your &c

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To James Andrews 2 mo 2 1799

Thy favour 25th Ult. is now before us, & note the Contents — we are very much surprised that thou has not been ableto find neither the drawer nor endorser of the bill Sent thee — as we have seen Capt Cains arrival in your port announced in the Papers long since, he is in the arm'd Brig Betsey of Baltimore fitting for the N W Coast — If thou should apply to our friend J Kupsey I doubt not he can give thee some information of Capt Cain as I Del a Nantucket man is going with him & will probably be known At Kupseys Store — Stewart went for Boston the day we forwarded thee the Bill — we hope thou will be able to obtain

payment from one of those Persons, as we shall feel much mortified to loose now — Hope the Small Shipment pr Salem will miet a fortunate Sail — Weare &c

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To Joseph Byrnes
pr D Anthony

2 mo 2. 99

We wrote thee under 12 mo 1. covering Invoice of 20 Casks Sperm & 13 Casks Sundries pr Capt Dennis Via Newport which we hope thou has been fortunate enough to dispose of — Since which thy favour 12 mo 8 has been duly received — By Capt Anthony we have shipd to thy address 1 Bale Russia Shetings containing 20 Pcies. which we are in hopes will be in Demand & command a good Price. we observed thou quotes them at $20 & 22 — We have entered them for exportation and the necessary Documents are here accompanied to entitle them to the Drawback, which we hope will facilitate their Sale, but we trust thou will be actuated by thy best judgment for our Interest in the disposition of our Property — Weare &c

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2 mo 4. 99

To C Delius
pr Post

Since we last had the Pleasure of writing thee, we have been favoured with several of thy very obliging Letters 30 aug pr Boston 13 ult pr Balte & 14 Inst pr Packet for thy particular attention in transmitting us a state of the Bremen market in them all please to accept our warmest thanks — We regreted thou could not make it convenient to have taken our little Village in thy way during thy Tour through N England — Since the receipt of thy last we have receive Letters from Bremen as late as 10th nov at which period the Sales of our Shipment of Whale &c. was nearly completed a small parcel

of it only remains at amsterdam and very shortly he expected to be able to give us an acct of the whole being disposed of - & that it would prove not so disadvantages as he first apprehended —

In a Letter under date Sept 11th from thy Brother (Duplicate of which we have recived) he mentions having inclosed A/S of our mutual Parcel of Coffe & whale Bone p Minerva, which we suppose to be in the Original p the Hanscatic a Bund Capt A Dodd Via Baltimore which has not yet come to hand —

We hope in the course of another reason to be able to renew our correspondence with thy Brother and with Shipments better addapted to Bremen Market the prices of most articles particularly East & W India Produce are very flattering & we apprehend they must continue high so long as the baneful effects of war shall desolate the European Shores — For thy kind offers of thy Brothers Assistance in establishing funds for a Russia Cargo this winter please to accept our sincere thanks — the Minerva Capt Gardner sailed from there with a Cargo of Sperm Oil for London where if she arrives safe we shall have sufficient arrangments for a Cargo for St Petersburg — we have not yet heard of her arrival — We are &c

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In Joseph Taylor

Errs 5. 799

After having the policy filled in thy office upon the Barclay for $8000 we relinquished to our Mr Brother IR $4000 of the Insurance, he owning ¼ of the Ship & since hearing of the Ship in 3 month last in the Pacific Ocean we have had $6000 more wrote in NY at 7½ & 6 C until her return in our own name, our wishes were expressly $4000 on the Ship & 2000 on her Cargo but contrary thereto it all stands on the Ship Valued at 16000 of Course we have $14000 on the Ship when we can prove only $12000 — If agreable to thee to add to the Policy & Record

I Rotch's name, we suppose it will answer the purpose, This Policy being the first cannot be effected by the alteration & if thou thinks it will not prejudice the Insurance in N.Y we shall be glad to have the alteration made & it will we will write to have it added in the last ~ We are &c

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To Paul Bentalou

2mo 7. 1799

Thy obliging favour of 25th April came to hand in due Course, for thy kind attention to the little negociation with Capt Delano, on account please to accept our sincere thanks ~

Capt Myrick of the Flora arrived early in last month at the Vineyard & which we hope thou has ere this been apprized ~

Capt Myrick having discharged a number of his People has made application to us for assistance we have accommodated therewith & taken his draft for $1500 at 5 Days sight on his owners, but tendering Bills on your City at this moment not in demand, & on which we should be obliged to make a discount ~ we have preferd waiting to hear from thee to disposing of them at a loss ~ if thou prefers remitting in a Post note on Boston will answer our purpose ~

We noticed by last week mail a Letter for Capt Myrick which have sent to Nantucket but have received no intelligence from him yet in consequence of the intercourse between the two Places more difficult at this season ~ We are &c

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To P R Dalton

2mo 9. 1799

Annexed we hand thee our order on Joseph Hussey at Ten Days sight for Five hundred Dollars we shall be obliged by thy receiving the same & place to our Credit ~ We are &

To Joseph Hussey

2mo 9. 1799

Thy favours of 10th Dec. & 1st Ult. are duly at hand, thy Bill Tongues &c are to thy Credit and sales of 50 Boxes Candles amount $715.72 are Debited thy acompt

We notice the Payment of this last Parcel has not yet fallen due, but by our acompt their appears to be about $600 recived and from the extreme scarcity of Cash we under necessity of availing ourselves thereof — and have this day drawn on thee at Ten Days for $500 in favour of Peter Roe Dalton which we shall be obliged by honouring the same when it makes its appearance — We are &c

2mo 11. 1799

To Wm Miller

Observing thy advertizement Comonissioners of the Revenue for proposals for Supplying 12.000 Gallons of Oil for the Light House. we have that quantity on hand & presume it is in our power to furnish the government as much to their interest as any person in N England. about ½ our quantity is Winter Strained from H Matter & the other ½ is body oil strained very pure & manufactured in a manner peculiar to ourselves which from our long experience in dealing in oil, we can assure thee that this last kind during the warm weather, is preferable for the Light Houses. to that from H Matter as it is of a stronger body will burn longer & is then equally thin. this kind has also answered well all the season at some of the Southern Lights — We are however daily expecting a quantity of head matter to arrive which if thou accepts our proposals will enable us & be our choice to furnish the whole quantity of the description thou advertizes. I should [illegible]

thou contract with us thou may be assured that the publick shall be as well served by us as it possibly can be from any other house in N C and as we have not the pleasure of an acquaintance with thee we refer the to our friends in Phila S & M F, & Fisher & J A & Co who are well acquainted with us — Previous to the last year we have supplied a part of the Contract for 3 years & we have never heard but that it was done to satisfaction & having been a little underbidden last year we have been induced at this time to put it very low, not because we can afford it so at the present price but from an expectation that the price will generally lower in the Spring — The price we fix for the oil on the Spot, but we can as conveniently deliver it in B. NY. Phil: with the addition of the freight & Insurance to those places & by the meaning that it be full hoop'd which the oil dealers call full bingeing that expence will be about £2 ℔ Ton of 252 Gall ft. last year were to B. 2/6 ℔ Ton to NY 3/3 & to Phil 4/50 — We will suggest one inconvenience to thee that attends the contractor in offering their proposals at this season, having manuf. during the winter, as soon as the Spring opens we are anxious to send our oil to market & by holding so large a quantity until we can hear from the revenue Office, if our terms should be rejected perhaps we are behind our neighbour in the sale of ½ the quantity, that could the proposals be offered a month earlier we should not be subjected to the inconvenience — We shall be much obliged by thy earliest information after the first of next month whether thou accepts our terms or otherwise we offer the oil pressed from Matter at 7½ C & the other kind at 6½ Cents ℔ Gallon — We are &c —

2mo 11 99

To B Lincoln Esq^r

By direction of the advertizement from the Revenue Office we inclose our letter to the Commissioner to them, hoping we shall be more fortunate than last year. Being unknown to the Commissioner we shall be obliged by thy mentioning to him how far in thy opinion he may rely upon our executing the Contract if our offers should prove advantageous to the Government — We are &c

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To William Miller Esq^r

2mo 11. 1799

Since we wrote the this morning the Ship we expected has arrived which puts it in our power to supply to supply the whole quantity of the best Oil which we therein offerd at 73 Cents ₩ Gall here with the Charge of Pt. & Insu^ce either to deliver it at N Y, Bost or Philo^a Our first letter ovent under cover to Benjamin Lincoln Esq^r by this morning mail, to which please to be referd for our particular observations

We are &c

To James Andrews

We have a Ship just arrived from the Pacific Ocean with a Cargo of Whale & Sperm Oil — we shall be obligid by thy information of the State of your market for those articles & whether thirty tons of the former would meet with a ready sale also how your markets Continues for Sperm Candles — Please also inform us whether 28 oz Copper may be procured in Boston for a Ship 230 Tons and on what terms —

The extreme Scarcity of Cash will oblige us to draw upon thee shortly — What is the demand for 10 or 15.000 ℔ whale bone & what price will it command —

We are &c

2mo 13. 1799

To Isaac Hicks

Thy favour of 30th ult is now before us & note its contents — We have for several years preceding the last supplied the Government with Oil for the Light Houses. & they having advertized for proposals we have sent ours forward —

Capt Abrd Fitch Ship Lydia arrived in 11th Mo. P Ocean with 900 Bls Sperm & 400 Bls Whale Oil — Capt Fitch stopped at the Island of Mapapuro where a Skinning Party were landed belonging to the Ship Neptune of N York Capt Greene who had taken in a quantity (40 to 60,000) of Skins & proceeded for Canton —

We shall be glad of thy earliest information of the state of your market for Whale Oil & Whale Bone having considerable quantity of the latter on hand — we have not yet determined on a Voyage for the Lydia. should we conclude for her to return it's probable we may want some supplies for your market — please to note the price of, Prime Pork, Ship Bread, Ship stuff, & Middlings Flour &c — The Lydia wants re coppering should she go into the Pacific Ocean, please inform us (early) if we can be furnished with 28 oz Coppers for that purpose from your place & at what price — or any other kind that may be at your Market —

Yours &c

2mo 14. 1799

To John Hammatt

Inclosed we hand thee J Rodmans Check on your Bank for $ 179 78/100 amount of B Rotch's Bill of Exchange for Forty Pounds Stg in favour of Howes Swain which we have also here inclosed & wish thy attention to have the same receipted by his Wife & returned to us by next Packet —

Yours &c

Annexed is a small Order on Gibbs & Channing, which we shall be obliged by thy receiving & place the same to our Credit — John Gray's Order for Tendollars for use of Sloop Rebecca — Thy friends —

To George Sears 2mo 20 1799

Thy favour of 5th inst with its inclosure came safe to hand by last Post, & next we are in hopes to receive the other Parts of the three U S Bills — we note the small demand for Plaster Paris at your market —

We find by R Delano's Letter to his wife, that previous to his sailing for Europe he had $2000 Insurance made upon the Hull of the Brig Three Brothers — we shall be obliged by thy information in whose name the Insurance was made, whether his own or some other person was inserted in the policy, and whether he had any Insurance made on the Freight in Baltimore or ordered any done in Europe —

We are obliged by thy annexing us a price Current, & if any alteration in your market thy just noticing it will additionally oblige thy &c —

To Benjamin Rotch 2mo 23 1799

I wrote the by the Minerva J Gardner and Shipped about 20 Tons Sperm Ad BR who I hope with Brig Joseph Harvy Reuben Paddock are long since arrived on the latter we made no Insurance those has 1/5 that Invoice & the former we had for our own account 60 Tons Ad and have had only $4000 Insurance $1000

of which for acct thy 20 Tons unless thou from previous information should have it insured in London this was effected at 12½ Cr which we thought doing well as 15 had been the rate for a considerable time, but it continues to fall & by our last advices from N York 8 to 9 Stands to any port in Great Britain or Ireland — I have the pleasure to inform thee that the Lydia arrived all well on the 11th Inst. at 19 months with 950 Bls Sperm Oil & 400 whale, and as our market is already overstocked we see no way of running it off here & it must be governed by the English market in value, and as the Ship must be Coppered & her bottom examined before another voyage, we nearly conclude to take of her Sheathing next week Caulk & Spike her bottom & Sheath her fit for Coppering take in the Ships part of the Sperm Oil at Bottom with some fr that offers & fill her up with the whale Oil and about 20 Tons of strained Oil on the Ships Acct & go directly for Dublin where we expect to find a market for the Whale Oil & Strained Oil & there receive thy orders either to go to Bristol or London with the unstrained Oil wherever thou thinks it will do best, we are not much pleas'd with the London market but see nothing else to do with it to turn speedily to any acct & 3 other Ships are daily look'd for, & Several more expected in the summer that Considering it necessary to Copper the Ship & the Insurance reduced to perhaps 8 ℘ Cr & that she may return in good season with Success for the fishery, we see nothing more promising — As to her future employment from the prospect of Oil we see but little encouragement in pursuing the fishery the length of time it requires in turning the property the high price of provisions,

and materials induces us to believe our Ships may be employed to much greater profit. but the Lydia is the best Ship we are concern'd in for it so long as we continue at all, and it is our present expectation to take out the Barclay & send her to India if she arrives safe — and as we prefer having some interest in it I shall suffer much in loss of materials if we do not. I had a preference she should go, but subject entirely to thy opinion should thou intend out next summer I wish to take her for thy accommodation it will be quite agreeable to us or load her with Salt either at Liverpool or S^t Ubes or send her to the Baltick Load with Hemp & Iron unless thou can procure a freight to America, all which we shall refer to thy decision as the winter is nearly gone we expect the Ann will be compleated in about 2 months & as we have delay'd ordering out Coppering for her, & it is now very high here, I cannot yet say what we shall conclude respecting her but before the Lydia Sails hope to form a plan that will meet thy views I expect Elihu Smith who went out formerly in our Brig Union will go out in the Lydia — Thou will please on account rec^d of this to send what will be the best sort to order the Lydia to for the sale of her unstraind Oil & send thy orders to E Forbs Dublin, if thou finds a larger quantity of unstraind Oil & send thy order will sell there (than what we have) & to more advantage than the unstraind elsewhere it may be in thy way to engage some person to strain it there which is easily effected. with coarse bags suspended from the top of large Casks — If a sufficient fund can be rais'd upon the C^r of the Lydias Cargo and thou thinks best to send her Directly to Batavia (with Dollars) or to the Gulf of Persia

for a Load of Coffee & back to this port here to unload & reload for Bremen or Hamburg, the same Cargo. will promise great advantage — Coffee at Batavia was lately 7 Cents and in persia lefs. I suppose $30.000 will be adequate to her Cargo. I have now given thee all we have in view and leave thee to act as thou thinkes best — when I wrote thee by the Minerva I was just favoured with a lovely son but also on the the 11th day we were deprived of him after 48 hours Mirth. thus we see the uncertainty of all terrestrial things — my dear wife & our respective families are prettty well — & unite in love to the thy wife & Children —

Sam & W R Jr.

To Thomas Dickason & Co: 2 mo 22. 1799

Since our last to you of 11 mo 1st by the Minerva Capt Gardner (who sailed on the 24) we have received your esteemed favours of 8th aug & PS. 10th & 28th and are sorry to find our Shipments of Oil promises not to answer our expectation but hope you have ere this succeeded in the sales of the two parcels by the Minerva & Merchant & also that the Joseph Harvey & Capt Gardner have also arrived & you have found a sale for their Cargoes. The great increase of duty & other expenses upon oil would discourage our Shipping it if we knew what else to do with it. but our S Sea Fishery have been so productive. that our own market is overstocked. but in future we shall be careful to ship none but upon the bottoms as the loss with you will doubtless much exceed the advantage we make by manufacturing we have long since abandoned the expectation of making any profit by our last winters ~~Adventure~~ Speculation & now only wish to hear you have found a Sale for it —

We have duly C. your act the two rums requested by B
R., and hope de Bauques will in time remit our Act &
make the remittance they promised. Our Ship Lydia has
arrived about 2 weeks since with about 120 Tons Sperm & 50
Tons Whale Oil & as she requires new Copering we propose to
repair her Bottom next week & load her with about 120 Tons
Sp Oil on the bottom & 50 Tons whale Oil & 20 or 30 Tons
Strained Oil to stop at Dublin to land the two latter kinds
& there meet the Orders of our B R should he be embar-
ked before the inclosed letter reaches him you will ob-
lige us by opening the inclosed letter & forward your Orders
under care of E Forbes, acting in his behalf as you may
judge best for our interest we hope a market will be
found in Bristol for the Oil if so she may be Copper
there & in that case in the absence of B R if he cannot
be consulted we prefer if she discharges in the Bristol
Channel that she should go to Liverpool & load with Salt
but if you advise her going to London, her future distination
may be so arranged as to make all possible dispatch in
returning to us, or if any misfortune has happened to the
Minerva she may go up the Baltick & take a Cargo from
the funds we have heretofore made our arrangments for
if that has taken place we request on receipt of this that you
will advise the Petersburg House of the prospect of this Ships
going there — The Ship Warren Capt John Delano of
this Port Chartered in N.Y. to load at Charlestown S.
Carolina, we apprehend for some port in England he has
promised to remit you for our account £1,500 should you
have hear of his arrival, we request you will call upon him —

R & S the Delans in the Brig Three Brothers of this Port having loaded at Baltimore for Oporto, upon his Pt has given us a bill upon P & A Van Zeller for £100 ⅌ in London of which our friends Geo Sears has inclosed one bill of the Brig to be accepted & inclosed to you the second we now inclose & request you will direct that if the Brig has not arrived that no expence of protest be added, Should Delanos remit to you on their own account as we recommend we shall be glad to hear it from you, as its probable they will want our aid in selling their bills &c We are &c

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To J Harting 2mo 23

Thy favour 21st Ult inclosing $184 is safe to hand this afternoon we now inclose a Check on the Bank for the same amount &c We are &c

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To John G Ladd 2mo 23

Thy favour of 4th Decem last last is now before us, with Invoice of 21 Bl Flour amounting to $182.21 to thy Cr the great length of Passage Capt Kun had from your place occasioned the Flour to be much expos'd all of it being wet more or less, 4 four Barrels of it was wash'd quite of Deck Load, we thing it was rather late in the season to venture it on deck, altho we attribute the loss thereof wholly to the Capt. being much deficient in securing it. indeed we consider ourselves extremely fortunate in not being subject to a greater Loss &c We hope thou has, ere this, been able to make sales of our property in thy hands & reimburs'd thy self for the advances thou was so kind to make for our account last fall &c a.

An Capt Keens arrival should thou be in Cash for our Acompt we should like to have from 10 to 30 Barrls by his return Linseed Oil has considerable advance to the northward, that if thou has not been able to dispose of our goods heretofore, we hope the Sale will be facilitated & at an enhanced price our last price Current from Boston quotes it d 95 Cents to $1 — & from the great exportation of Flaxseed we think it must keep up — Should we give Capt Keen a bill on Baltimore & he should stand in need of any assistance in negociating it thy friendly aid therein will much oblige us — We intend putting a few Casks Nails onboard of the Druidia which we shall be glad for the to receive & dispose of for our acompt —

We are &c

To Geo Scars

2mo 25. 1799

Wrote the on the 20 Inst acknowlegeing thine of the 5th of Post on 16th Inst with the one half of three United S Bank Bills for $700 since which we have been in expectation of receiving thine Covering the remaining half of same bills — but it has not yet come to hand, but next Post we are in hopes will bring them safe to hand — Capt David Keene going for Alexandria we have given him our Draft on the for $460 which we shall be obliged by thy honouring we should not have drawn on thee had the remainder of those bills came duly to hand as we expected which would have answered to the Southward but hope on receipt of this thou will be in Cash for our acct for the Delano's acceptance —

We are &c

3 mo 2. 1799

Do Jon[a] Hastings

Thy Letter of 26 In[o] by last mail came safe to hand with $97 in Nantucket B Bills inclosed for which we here forward our Check for the same and Please to forward the inclosed Letter p the Dianna if she has has sailed put it into the next Ships bag that's going for London.

Our Bank Book is also here inclosed which we shall be obliged by thy having adjusted & returned to us — Wear &c

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Do Joseph Taylor

3 mo 1. 1799

We wrote thee on 5th Ult[o] since which Capt Fitch in the Ship Lydia has safely arrived here on the 11th Ult[o] from the Pacific Ocean — for the Premium on $8,000 Insurance made on said Ship at thy Office, we shall here Inclose thee our Order for $800 for the same on J Henry at 10 Days sight — The Insurance was effected at 15 p C[t] to return 5 p C[t] if the Ship should arrive safe, we have therefore rated the Premium accordingly when this draft is recvd we shall be obliged by thy Cancelling our note for the Premium on the Lydia — Wear &c

3 mo 1. 1799

Do Joseph Henry

Our Premium on the Ship Lydia falling due the 11th of this month we are under necessity of requesting thy honouring our draft for $800 to Joseph Taylor of this date at 10 Days — we are in hopes thou will be in Cash to this amt for our acct by that time should thou not be able to accommodate the payment we request thou to have it discounted at the Bank — as it will be due at the Insurance Office —

We wrote thee on the 9th Ult[o] since which none of thy favours have been recd

Wear &c

To P. Bentalou 3mo 4 1799

We have the pleasure to acknowledge
receipt of thy esteemed favour of 16 ult^o which with it endorsed
of $1500 reached our hand inasafety by last weeks Post —
the disposition of the New York Bank will be attended with no
inconvenience — thy accompt Current we shall examine &
transmit thee a sketch of it as it stands on our Books which
appears to be balanced — Capt Myrick has just arrived in
Town from Boston from whence he wrote thee his situation
whose detention we are sorry for, but are in hopes shortly
of seeing him liberated & embarked for your Port — we have
a Vessell detaind at Nantucket in the same manner
having sailed from this Country more than years ago
for Genoa and several months detaind by Embargo at
Marseills & a very long passage returning and to add to the
perplexities of an unfortunate Voyage the Government
should thus detain them is tedious — Be assured we shall
render Capt Myrick every assistance in our power to
facilitate his departure which we hope will not
exceed 10 or 15 Days — We are &c

To Isaac Hicks 3mo 13. 1799

We wrote thee by Post a week past
since which thine of 20th Ult^o has came to hand & note they remain
on the dullness of Whale Oil & Bone Should we decline sending
our Ships to a market where those articles will answer we shall
have about 50 Tons of the former & 15 to 20,000 ℔ of the latter to
dispose of, the encouragement your market may afford for a
Shipment thereof we shall be obliged by thy inspiring us adverse

would also thank thee for information of the state of the York market for whale Oil and whether much has been ship'd thither —

We have it in contemplation to put 60 or 80 Tons Sperm Oil into the Lydia & send her either for NewYork or Charleston to fill up for. London or Bristol and shall be obliged by thy information of the probability of her procuring freight enough in your City, for the remainder of her Cargo for either of those places should we determine on her going to NewYork — the preperation for the reception her Cargo that was necessary to be made has been much procrastinated by the uncommon severity of the Season — but in all probability she will now be ready to begin her lading in all next week — that we shall be glad to hear from thee by the return of the Packet — Elihu Smith (late in Jenkells employ) goes master of the Lydia — The Sloop Prudence (which is not cleared) at Nantucket we think its probable will go to New Orleans. her Cargo Consists of Marseilles Wine & Florence Oil, Please say what the probability may be of their answering at that market — We hope Thomas Delans has made the payment for our Acct as he gave us encouragement of being able to do it to the amot of $250 & we should be very glad if he would to a much greater amount — John Delans (of the Warren) promises to give thee a Bill on himself for £500 Stg to come out of the Ships fr. towards our demand against the Ship for Supplies — Should he do it we wish thou to forward one to J.D & Co. London making them payable there, for our Acct — Mr Robenson & J Barker who arrived here on on the 5th after a few days detention, embarked for Nantucket on 10th Inst since which there has been no return from that place — the Ship Perseverance was there on the 9th — Inclosed is Mr Barstows Order in our favour of 2nd Mo for $100 which please to place the same to our C: Wilson informs us (yesterday) he had mentioned it to thee —

If your market will encourage further Shipment of Russia Duck we shall be glad to forward more of the same quality of the 100 pieces sent last fall — One long Boat 17 or 18 feet ordered We are &c

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To Thaddeus Mayhew 3mo 13. 1799

Thy favour of 4th inst is now before us by which we observe thou has shipd agreeable to request 40 Bls Sperm Oil for Philadelphia, at which market we flattered ourselves it would find a quick demand of its arrival was prior to the Nantucket Vessells and from the last & present uncommon severity of the season we still apprehend their arrival has been procrastinated thereby — We have forwarded our terms for Supplying the U S with the Sperm Oil wanted, and are without reply should our proposals be accepted to in that case we shall wish to know thy Consignee in Philadelphia to whom thou addressed the 40 Casks and whether our orders will command what remains unsold it being very possible we may wish to turn that part into the Contract —

We shall be obliged by thy information of the Philadelphia House, whether it is such as thou would recommend to us for Consignees of the Articles of Oil Candles &c if they have been dealers therein and that our property would receive that attention (if we should make any shipments) due from Com Merchants as its very probable we may wish to add to the list of our Correspondents in that City — Please to say what Commissions said friend Charges & purchases and Sales — We shall be obliged by thy transmitting us Sales of those shipments thou has been able to dispose of for our acct —

We are &c

3 mo 14, 99

To David Anthony

Thy 2 favr. of 4 & 8 of 12 mo are duly at hand with the several amts. of Cheese Butter & Candle paper are all to the Credit — We hope thou will be able to forward our W R J. Plow by the return of Allen — Please also send us a barrel of good Cyder for family use suitable for Bottling if to be met with —

We are &c

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3 mo 16 1799

To Jonathan Hastings

Thine of 12th we duly have at hand with our Bank Book please to accept our thanks for thy kind attention — Also $58 inclosed for which we now hand thee our Check for $38 & a Boston B Bill for $20 N: 3906, 21 Day of June 1792 — We are &c —

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3 mo 25. 1799

To Benj Lincoln

We had the pleasure of receiving thy favour of 21st by last post, and are glad to find our proposals are accepted, we think the Oil will be all ready in all next week, it is yet to full bind, which our Coopers will immediately attend to, If thou will inform us when it will be convenient for thee to be here, either the latter part of next week or early in the succeeding week we will endeavour to have it all in order — We shall make the enquiry thou desires respecting the Charter of a Vessel to take the Oil, but as we have several small vessells in port who follow the eastern trade we think there can be no doubt of engageing them to take all the

ill at one to the several lights, on very reasonable terms but as they will be soon moving, it will be necessary to engage them early ~ There is a Vessell now here waiting a wind to go to Norfolk, that had we thy orders we could immediately ship the Oil wanted there ~ Capt. Constant Norton of the Sloop Fox is going soon for Philadelphia, and will gladly carry what is wanted there, he has made us the offer of taking all the Oil to the different Lights at Delaware & all to the Southward for $500 ~

If quite convenient & agreeable to thee to place 1 or 2.000 Dollars to our Credit in B Bank it will be an accommodation to us to draw there for occasionally as our neighbours want to remit ~

When thou comes up our W. R Just requests thee to accept a bed with him as he &c ~ We are &c

3 mo 25. 1799

To Jon Hastings

Thine of 21st is at hand inclosing Eighty nine Dollars which we have exchanged & is here indorsed ~

We are &c

To Jon Hastings 4 mo 1. 1799

Thine of 27th Ult. inclosing $105 came safe to hand and agreeable to request we have inclosed the same amount in two bank Bills of your Town ~ Union Bank $100 Branch Bank $5 ~ Shall be obliged by thy having our Bank Book settled, which is indors'd ~

$108 Union Bank No. 420 ~ Date 3 mo 4. 97 We are &c
5 Branch & N 9 mo 24. 1792

4 mo 2 1799

To David Anthony

We recives thine by Allen the Plough and 3 hhds lime — by Allen we now send the 25 boxes Candles & as we shall have a considerable stock of them hope thou will be able to send more — Our W R J is in want of some Coffee & Sugar for family use please to send us that of a good quality either barrel Box or bag one of Coffee & one of Sugar as thou may find best

We are &

4 mo 1. 1799

To Paul Bentalow

When we recived thy first letter we found Capt. Mirick had left Nantucket with men to take the Flora to Baltimore and supposed he went off immediately & knew nothing of his detention until he returnd this way from Boston nothing in our power should have been with held to facilitate his proceedings. It would be happy for us if our Officers of Government were all men of intelligence we should not in that case be subjected to so many vexations, we are concernd in a Vessell arrived at Nantucket from Marseilles more than three months since in the same predicament with the Flora & Capt. Mirick was in Boston at the time our petition to the Judge was sent forward & told us his papers went with them Yesterday the Collector recived orders from the Judge to release her — that we cannot but hope Capt. Mirick has also been releared we shall avail ourselves of the first conveyance to forward him thy letter & hope soon to have it in our power to inform thee, the Flora has sailed —

We are &

To Benjamin Lincoln Esq^r 4 mo 2. 1799

We duly received thy esteemed favour of 26^th and duly note the Contents, when we wrote thee last we wrote thee last we did not advert to thy confining thy enquiry respecting the Charter of a Vessell, to that of taking the Oil only for the Eastern department, and for the Southern, we did not think the Terms unreasonable, to go to each of the Light. altho we are not exactly informed of the number. In our former Contracts we have shipped Oil to may of them and have been obliged to give extra freight. for stopping at particular ports with small quantities, and it has been approved by the Commissioner.

We last week rec^d a letter from W Miller Esq^r who writing us he should want 6.000 Gall^s Body Oil in addition to the spe-cify^d say 18,000 Gall^s we have ordered to his disposal a quantity we have both in New York & Philadelphia, that until we have what quantity it pleases him to take at those places we shall not know how much to deliver here. As we prefer keeping our Oil in a moist Cellar we consider it of importance to have the Casks well dried in the sun, before it can be full hoop^d in a manner that is necessary to endure the trasportation with safety, for the continued succession of wet weather we have not a Cask in order to Cooper yet, and unless we have 4 or 5 Days of dry weather we fear it will not be in order to deliver next week but we will get it forward as soon as it will be proper and nothing but suitable weather weather being wanting will prevent it, for we wish to deliver it as soon as possible. and from the course of the weather [illegible] will be able to

To Wm Miller Esq.

6 mo 1. 1799

We receive last week thy two favours of 12 & 15 ult.o and are pleased to find by the first that our terms are accepted & also that in addition to the 18.000 Gallons of winter pres'd Oil. there will be wanted 6.000 Gallons of body Oil. all which we expect to have ready by the time assigned ~ we sent on to New York in the winter a large quantity, part of which was returned to Philadelphia, & we suppose from accounts we have rec.d much if it lays unsold, we shall be glad to deliver at those places what we have there, adding the fr.t expressed in our proposals unless attended with loss to the publick in that case we shall submit to thy decision & request thou will order from J. & T.s Wistar & Yardley of Philadelphia, all they have unsold of ours & if thou wilt direct the Collector at New York to receive what we may order delivered there, we will give directions to our friends in each place to deliver what remains on hand all the Oil ship'd there above alluded to. was winter strained (or pres'd) fine head matter ~ It will be most agreeable to us to receive the first, also the succeeding payments at the U.S Bank in Boston if consistent with thy convenience ~

We expect to Ship the Oil for Sag Harbour in the course of this week & shall immediately forward the duplicate of bill Lading & Invoice thereof, and shall mark all the Casks for winter use W and that for summer S & give the necessary information to the Consignee ~ Whatever future orders thou may forward us shall be executed with the utmost despatch & with the same economy as if our own interest ~ We are &

To J Anthony & Co 4 mo 1 1799

We duly rec.d your returned favours dated 5 & 29 Dec.r & by Bunker 6 & Flour which provis very good & your last covers sales amo £716.16 which we found free from error & proved satisfactory: as small parcel of Oil ship.d you last spring we hope been sold at least what had not leaked out — Our friend J Hicks writes us he has sent to ag.t you the Oil we consign.d him by Moreland who finding the Delaware closed went only to N York as we apprehend that Oil yet lays on hand having contract with the Commissioner of the Revenue for supplying the Public Lights, we request you will deliver to his order what remains on hand and give us as early information as possible of the quantity and if you can advise our sending any further quantity for your sale, we shall gladly do it, but we by all means wish to avoid any laying over the warm weather — Bunker being about to go in a short time we shall again write you by him — We are &c

4 mo 1, 1799

To Thaddeus Mayhew Thy letter of 20.th ult.o by Capt Tabor we duly received covering A/S of Several Shipments whole amo.t 6100.46 which is placed to thy Debit — We have received of thy Father $1000 towards the same and er long he expect to accommodate us with a further payment — We have contracted to supply the Government with Oil for the ensuing year, & as we shall not have a sufficient quantity on hand at so early a period as will be call.d for — we have to request thou would give

instructions, on receipt of this, to W & Yardly of Philadelphia to deliver for our acompt all the Oil they may have on hand of the 40 Casks thou ship'd them for us — to W Miller Commissioner of the Revenue, or as much as he likes to receive — we shall attend to thy request respecting the Boston Window Glass agency when call upon & any information in our power to give, we shall do it with pleasure — Please to inform W & Yardly if they can make further Sales of Sperm Oil we shall be glad to Ship some on soon also if their market promises encouragement to a Consignment of Candles & what these articles Command — Ship President Capt Andrew Pinkham has arrived in the Vineyard Sound from the Pacific Ocean with 1400 bl Sperm Oil after a voyage of near 27 months Cruising three years — we are acquainted with W & Yardly & are well satisfied with their having our property & shall gladly continue to do business with them —

We are &c

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And whenever thou does come our W R J. will be pleased with thy accepting his invitation — We have not had opportunity to consult any of our Eastern Coasters, but have no doubt they will take it on terms that will be agreeable to them — We are much obliged by thy intention of accommodating us at the Bank — We are &c

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To Chs M Stowell

4 mo 6. 1799

We duly rec. thine of 1 mo 22d & hoped ere this to have learned thou had disposed of the Oil, whatever may be unsold / Considering the Cap that

must attend to laying over the warm season, unless thou sees an immediate Sale for it, we wish thee to deliver unto Joshua Sands Collector of your Port, if he has receives instructions for that purpose from the Commissioners of the Revenue with him we have contracted for the government supply, I have desired he would receive in Work what we may have on hand there, as soon as delivered please forward his receipt with thy acct of Sales if any is sold, if not thy accompt of expence thereupon, and when we hear from thee our Bk Jour. will make arrangements to remit what deficiency there may be so that thou may probably be furnished with the Loan contemplated sooner than thou may from the sales of the Oil. We is much obliged by Hardies acct of the favour & we are also by the papers thou hast sent us — We are &

4mo 6th 99

To Isaac Hicks Thine of 22d Ult is duly at hand & notice thy attention to our Business with John & Thomas Dilano for which we ful obliged — The freight thou mentions were we consider pretty good ones but as we ~~are~~ have not fully determined on our ~~Ly~~ destination, we dare not give positive orders respecting, we are anxious to hear from London from whence there has been no recent arrival this way but daily expect Letters — we shall endeavour give as early information after our conclusion as may be should the Lydia's destination from there be New York Inclosed we hand thee Roger Kings Order 3mo 26 Lindays night for 336 $ — which please to place to our Credit — we shall have occasion to draw on thee in a few days in favour James Allen & Ebn Bassett for a few Hundred Dollars —

The boat order'd we received in good Condition by Capt Taber shall be oblig'd by a Bill of the Cost of her with a bundle of Sheet Iron received last Winter which we suppose came from thee —

Our NB has given Capt Taber an Order for what Teeth (sea Hors. Elephants &c) thou has of his not disposd of from a Shipment made some time since, he will be oblig'd by thy information of any market they will answer for & price what expence thou has been at with them. please to place to our acct & transmit a bill thereof

Please to send a sketch of the Quantity of Oil Ship'd to Philadelphia on our accompt and if much of ours is now on hand, we very much dread the Consequence of its remaining unsold during the warm season — from the late accounts of our Fishermen in the Pacific Ocean it does not appear that we shall have so great a quantity of Sperm Oil at market as we expected — W Robeson & J B — &c

4mo 6. 1799

To C Sigourney & Sons — The balance on your Sales of Candles rendered 13th of 10mo last falling due early in this month we have taken the liberty this day to draw for $250 in favour of Wilson Barstow which you'll please to honour when it appears —

For the Balance of your accompt after Cancelling Capt J Gardners Note for 562.50 you may deposit to our Credit in the Branch Bank — your information when done will much oblige your &c —

4mo 6. 1799

To Eliakim Gardner — Thy Letter of 5 mo. came duly to hand, Containing proposals for thy share of head matter Sperm Whaleoil which are accepted & agreeable to request we have sent $500 by

Peter Barney who goes in this Packet At post is a receipt for the above which please sine & return to us — Thy &c

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To S R Dalton

4 mo 6. 99

Thy favour of 27th Ult. was duly received and am much obliged by thy attention to give us the information it Contained — Gen. Lincoln informd us last week that if no unforeseen attended negociations at the Bank. he should place to our Credit $2000 this week, on which we have presumed to draw — We are &c

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To Eben.r Bassett

4 mo 11. 1799

Agreable to thy Orders we have rec.d the balance of thy acct. with David Barnard amo.t $170.4 which is here inclosed & $203 we received of A Chadwick on thy acct. both of which we give a statement below by which a Balance due to thee of $223.4 appears — we have given Jacob Allens adraft on our friend in New York for that amo.t to pay to thee agreable to thy request to us last winter — We are &c

amo.t of Cash received of D Barnard on acct. of E Bassett 170.4

Cash paid him & his bill on D B in our favour for value received . . . . . 150. "
20.4

amo.t of Ditto received of A Chadwick 203. 0
223.4

Cash paid Jacob Allen in our Order on Isaac Hicks for Two hundred & twenty three Dollars & four Cents this date —

Jo Joseph Anthony & Co. 4 mo 11. 1799

We wrote you on 1st instant since which none of your favours have came to hand. We should have been glad to made a shipment by Bunker had the acct. recived of the state of your market encouraged it. Should S & R Fisher & I Bunker call on you for some money on our acct. we shall be obliged by your advancing them what they may want and advise us thereof. We shall also draw on you in favr of James Greene (black Man) for $150- when it appears shall be obliged by your honouring. The 6 barrels of Flour recd by Bunker prove very good we wish you to send us four barrels Spnr Half Barrel best Crackers by return of Capt. Bunker.

We hope you have closed the sale of the Oil shipped by Norton last spring and that agreeable to our last letter you have delivered whol Oil was unsold sent you by Hicks for our acct. to the commissioner of the Revenue an acct. of that we wish soon to receive.

We are &c

S S & M Fisher 4 mo 11. 1799

We hope you have succeeded in the sales of the Lynn consignments as those people have dealt unjustly with us, and have applied money from sales of Shetings consigned them to their own use & besides the deposit in your hands owe us about $2.000 consequently we think ourselves justified in requesting if possible the sales may be closed that we may realize something we find no dependance can be placed upon their promises.

we are in want of about 10 Tons of best soft Pig Iron for nail castings for the spinning Factory & shall be obliged by your procuring it, and sending by Norton, or by any succeeding conveyance, we think it may be brought for $2 ℔ Ton but if more convenient to come in some other Vessell or by the Nantucket Coasters we leave you to make the best terms you can — Capt. R Taber in Schooner Tabetha took aft. from Philadelphia to Trinadad, should you find her bound here it would be agreeable to have it come by her — We have requested J Anthony & Co. to pay your bill there for — We are &c

4 mo 12. 1799

To Isaac Hicks

We wrote thee a few days past by Capt Taber; since which we have drawn on thee in favour of J Allen for $435 — fav. Jacob Akin on acct of C Bassett for $223. 4 — on his own acct $50 — all of which we shall be obliged by thy honouring as they appear — Jacob Barker left us yesterday for Ship Portland which was in the Vineyard sound taking more Ballast than she could come out of Nantucket Harbour with W Robenson & Edw. Starbuck were on board, I conclude they have this day procured their dispatch & are ready to embrace the first favourable wind — The Ship Juno Wm Clark arrived here this day from the Pacific Ocean after an absence of the tedious length of time of 27 months with 150 Tons Sperm oil — We have also drawn on thee in favour Jacob Barker for 450 $ which also please to honour with thy acceptance —

We are &c

13th to J Hicks hitherto disappointed of hearing from Europe we have not began Loading the Lydia, it is our expectation that she will go to New York to take about 100 Tons for London & we hope in our next to write thee positively, the Junr Owners have heretofore promised a Shipment but as she arrived last Evening we cant determine upon their conclusion —

4 mo 12. 1799

To H. P. Dering

By direction of Wm Miller Esqr Commissioner of the Revenue we have shiped to thee by Sloop Dolphin William Allen Master & Indorsed bill Lading & Invoice annexed 20 Casks Spermaceti Oil for the Light House at Montauk Point, the Casks are all marked & numbered upon the Head those of prepared Oil for winter use are marked W & those for warm weather S. some of Gaugers marks are also the same but they may be distinguished — Weare &c —

4 mo 16. 1799

To William Miller

Agreable to thy directions we have Shipd by the Dolphin Capt Wm Allen for Saghartbour 805 Gall.s of Winter Oil & 807 Gall.s of Summer Oil addrsd to H P Dering Super.t of Montauk Light House at Sag.r agreable to indorsd Bill Lading on which we have enumerated the particular ~~Gallons~~ gauges of the Casks — We shall forward thy directions in the Shipments of other parcels which we shall be pleased to receive — Weare &

4 mo 16. 1799

To S & R Dalton

Inclosed we hand the John Hedges draft on John Cushing for $1000 at 30 days sight which please to have accepted and when paid place to our C.

We are &c

To T Hicks

4 mo 18

Altho we can get no accounts from London of the state of the market there for oil we have determined on putting about 120 Tons oil into the Ship & running her to N York to Compleat her lading for London we calculate her to take about 100 Tons more and shall be glad for thee to engage the most advantagious Freight thou can to fill her up or nearly on the best terms as she will be sufficiently ballast. if thou can procure a freight of Cotton it would suit us if thou thinks she will make the best freight with that — We shall compleat her loading here this week & endeavour to effect her departure the week following if possible — We wish for her departure from N York as early after her arrival as possible is the object of our writing this beforehand — We r

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4 mo 18. 1799

To S & R Dalton

We shall be obliged by thy collecting the above draft on Benj London Esq. for £650 8 and placing the same to our Cr. Having requested Genl London to place to our C. $2000 he informed us he would do it if it could be done without difficulty, as we apprehended there would be none we presumed upon drawing there upon as he writes it we have the mortification to find

our Chuks are gone without funds, we hope however no inconvenience will ensue — we inclose thee John Healeys draft on John Cushing for $1000 by last mail which hope came safe to hand —

We are &c.

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4 mo 18. 1799

To R G Irwin

Thy Letter of 16th is at hand & note thy wish for us to take thy oil in the Lydias Cargo altho we do not wish to purchase at this time which if we did, should be able to do at a much less price than we have settled the Ships Voyage being daily applied to for that purpose — we however have concluded to take thy share at the same rate as we have the others, to pay as soon as it is convenient should Thou be in want of a part of it now, we can accommodate thee with it — We are &c

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4 mo 20. 1799

To William Miller Esqr.

We wrote thee a few days ago inclosing Bill Lading of Oil ship'd by thy Order to Sag Harbour & the same day recvd thy favour of 3d and agreeable to thy directions have delivered to Genl Lincoln all the Oil for the Massachusetts Lights except Nantucket it is all loaded while the General was here & has sailed we also have now to hand thee bill Lading of the Oil Ordered to Norfolk say 524 Gals prest & 270 Gals Strained Oil, by Capt Pickham who sails tomorrow morning, we shall immediately forward the Oil ordered for Nantucket, Newport & New London, and as we suppose our friends Joseph Anthony & Co & Willis & Yardley of Philadelphia have of winter prest Oil of ours about 4000 Gallons we hope it will be agreable to thee to receive there what is wanted for Charleston

Wilmington & Philadelphia, no conveyance is likely to occur to either of the two former places, without hiring Vessels bound elsewhere to stop & that will be attended with more expence than to take it in Philadelphia — Having some in New York we have ordered 2400 Gallons delivered to Joshua Sands there —

By the Vessel Genl. Lincoln engages to take the Oil to the eastern Lights we have shipd what thou ordered for Portsmouth as p. inclosed Bill Lading on the same terms Genl. Lincoln gave for the whole & that Vessel for four other Lights — Wherever we ship the Oil thou may rely upon our greatest care to send it in good Vessels & respectable commanders — We are &c

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To Thadeus Mayhew 4 mo 20 1799

We forwarded the Draft thou sent us

H. Ivey on Cushing to the Cashier of U.S Bank the day after it reached us, and this evening rec'd his answer of 18th in which he says "it is noted for non acceptance Cushing being out of Town", and hearing Cushing is on the point of sailing for London with his Family, we deemed it our duty to give thee the earliest information thereof — Taber has arrived but not having thy letter at hand must reply to that by next conveyance & if we learn the bill is honoured shall give thee immediate information — We are &c

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To Jonathan Hastings 4 mo 22 1799

Thine of 19th inclosed one hundred & 16 Dollars is safe at hand & inclosed we hand thee our Check for the same amount — We are &c

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4 mo 22 1799

To J. Adams

Thy Letter of 19th came safe to hand, & agreeable to request shall forward thee our Check on U.S Bank for $99.80 which with $33.50 paid to thy wife & 20 Cents postage of thy letter is balance in full for thy Share in Ship Lydia's whole voyage as thou thou may observe p. the within acct — We are &c

4 mo 23 1799

To Peter Roe Dalton

We received thine last week informing of the bill on J Cushing being noted, as we hear he is about embarking for London, we hope he has ere now domiciliated the bill — we now indose thee a draft upon thyself from the Treasurer of the U States № 871 for Six Thousand Dollars, with receipt thereon as deposited to our Credit, which we shall be obligid by thy placing accordingly to our acompt — Weare &c

4 mo 23. 1799

To Samuel Meredith Esq^r

This evening we received thy letter of the 10^th Instant covering thy draft on the Office of Discount & Deposit Boston № 871 for $6.000 on Acc^t of our Contract for supplying the United States with 24.000 Gallons of Oil for the use of the Light Houses establishment. for thy attention hereto we are obligd & are &c

4 mo 24. 1799

To Thaddeus Mayhew

We wrote thee on 20^th ult Post previous to that we had received thine of 16^th inst covering Certificate of the Debenture on the Shillings, which will appear to thy Credit when recived — We have ordered a Shipment of Spermaceti Candles from Nantucket to thy address, which please to dispose of for our acompt — Having several applications for moneys in New York we have given the following Drafts on thee which thou will please to honour as they appear D R Sons $600 W Russ $100 W R $100

Weare &

To C M Slocum 4mo 24. 1799

We wrote thee some time since requesting what oil thou holds of ours that thou does not see a sale for before the warm weather might be delivered to J Sands Esq.r on acct. of our Contract with the Government, this we still wish to be done as soon as may be & shall also be pleased early to hear the quantity. Our A Barker goes on to New York in a Ship of ours to fill up for London when he will make arrangements to accommodate thee with $2000 if no disappointment attends our expectations.

Hearing thou was expected at the Yearly Meeting at Philadelphia, accounts for our not hearing from thee in answer to our last. We are &c

To G Folger Junr. 4mo 27. 1799

We wrote thee by last Packet & inclosed Samuel Redmans Check on the Bank for $1000 which please to place to our Credit. Annexed is an order on Joseph Brown for $51 which please to receive & place to our Credit. We have also forwarded M Coffin $556 & 42 cents which please to receive & place to our C.

To Joshua Sands Esq. 4mo 26. 1799

We are directed by the Commissioner of the Revenue to forward to thee 2400 Gallons Spermaceti Oil for the Light Houses at Sandy Hook & Eatons neck, and as we have already in New York about that quantity wanted and Contracted to be of the kind prepd from Head Matter for use in the coldest months we request thou will receive of C M Slocum & Isaac Hicks what they have on hand belonging to us, & we shall forward next week 800 gallons agreable to our instructions of strained Body Oil for the warmer Months. We are &

4 mo 29 1799

To Joseph Byrnes

Since ours last p/all by Capt Delano accompanied by 13 Casks Linseed & 20 Casks Spermaceti Oil we have not received a line from thee, which we must regret, as we have very much wanted to keep knowledge of the market as we shall have a Ship to sell freight for of about 300 Tons, and if Freights continue good in Charleston, we shall try to get her ready in all next month and if no better employment offers may send here there we shall therefore be obliged by thy advising us as early as may be respecting the probability of a freight what kind of goods & of what market, as well as price we have about 15 or 20,000 ℔ of Whale bone that we wish to send to Hamburg, Bremen or Roterdam & if a prospect to either of those places wish to send it on her. We shall in case she goes to Charleston wish to make some Shipment on our own account & if possible to ship the whole amount of our property in thy hands please to give us the probability hereof — we wish to ship thee some Sperm Oil if wanted at your market, wish to hear soon from thee — if any market of Whale bone please to mention the price —

Near &

To George Folger Jun.

4 mo 29 1799

We shall be obliged by thy Collecting $280 of Joseph Chase as p Order above & placing the same to our Credit, if thou has Delv'd our Bank Book to Jacob Barker & he is yet with you we shall be obliged (when thou sees him) by calling upon him & add this there to. Near &

To Thomas Dickason & Co.

4 mo 26 1799

Orig.l for the Lydia Dupl.te sent via N York in Evers 2d Viz

We have been long expecting your ever esteemed favours not having been favoured with any except one ~~dated~~ dated 8, 10th & 28th August until last evening

mail brought us yours of 3d Dec 17 Jan & 30th ditto which gives us very unfavourable accounts of your Oil marked and altho we have long reconciled to our minds meeting alos upon that Speculation, yet we flatterid ourselves from the small sucp of the Fishermen according to our acct that the los would fall far short of what we now have reason to expect, we doubt not however that you will use every exertion to make our los as light as possible, and therewith we must be content by our want of knowledge of the market when the Lydia arrived we found her copper worn & Iron defective, we accordingly repaired & sheathed her & concluding to send her to england to be Copperd we have yesterday completed taking in the Spermaceti Oil she brought home & about 30 Tons of our Rodman all in its natural state, unstraind & unracked, & altho your accounts ~~states~~ are still so discouraging if it was not stowed we should omit it but being ready to go to NYork to make up her pre.t & not knowing where else to find a market for it, we see no other way but again to add to your trouble & take the risk of the event hoping that the demand for this kind of Oil will be greater than for the quality Ship'd last year it appears of an excellent kind for casking perhaps the 6 Ships you mentioned coming from St Helena are from the Indian Ocean & mostly with Whale Oil, our Capt.s who are lately in the Pacific Ocean, think the London and American Ships will all return with light Cargoes, having found the whales very scarce, probably these events, may help the demand by this conveyance many letters go from the whaleing Ships which will confirm the accounts. We are very glad to hear of the arival of the Jn.o Harvey & Minirva, we were under apprehensions for

their safety. We are glad you priced the Sale of the Cargo of the former and as the winter with us has been very cold & very long fm your advt we have reason to apprehend the same on your side, which may have occasioned a larger consumption that was contemplated even at your last dates

We have recievd your A/C. & do not discover any error therein

We hope G I & Co. have remited you the £1500 as requested & feel ourselves much obliged for your care of our interest therein as also for your aid of our Petersburg plan. & sincerely hope you will be able to close the Sale of the Oil in season to meet the Drafts from Petersburg as we are reluctant at your being so long in advance for us

We are also greatly obliged for your acceptance of our several drafts and being under necessity of making a few further remittances avail ourselves of your goodness to request you will honour our drafts viz in favr of W Allen London £50 Alex & John Hadden & Co. Nottingham for £51.7 & Love request you will accept Evans & Glovers (Leeds) draft on Act. of our WRfs. for £343.9.9 with some expence of duty & Insurance which they have never sent these two last sums are for goods imported by H Dean who shipd of the Minerva 5 Tons Oil & we learn has drawn on you for £100 whatever balance there may be fm the sale of the oil we shall have his elder brother W Deans authority to request you will place to our Cr. H D. is in a very unfortunate situation quite incapable of any business & not likely to be restord in some time if ever the debt at Leeds falls due 4th of 7mo next We are glad to find O & A Mitchells Draft will go to our Credit at Maturity you will find by our letter of 2mo 22 a bill for £100 was sent you upon Sparks & also our acceptance of £500 fm J Delany of the Ship Warren, this Ship we now find loaded at N York for Ireland & J Hicks writes us he

has advertized you of the Cap^t Promise to remit the sum on our acct ~ It was our intention when we wrote you last to fill up the Lydia for Ireland but wishing to lessen our risk & having encouragement of a good freight from New York we prefer that at present whether she will go to London or Bristol cannot be determined until her arrival at N York in either case y^r the proceeds of our Shipment of Oil will be at your disposal & the whole of our BR has left England ~ If he is still with you we subject Cap^t Smith to follow his instructions in Coppering the Ship, if not we request your care to have her Coppered in the best manner nearly to the Light watter line, but we recommend attention to the Cost the Barclay was wood & Copper sheathed with £400 sheathing plates by Contract included. dock & all other expenses for £120 afterwards 100 more plates were added for the 500 plates with all the nails were charged £40.2.1 the Barclay being a much fuller & larger Ship than the Lydia, we conclude 400 plates will be sufficient 400 plates on her were 28 oz & the others 22 oz ~ Should our BR be absent & has in consequence of our letters concluded upon the Lydia going up the Baltic we should we should recommend her only taking 100 Tons Iron & 100 Tons Hemp part of our Short (perhaps 25 Tons ~ If she returns directly to this place fm London or takes fr^t for the U States & wants ballast or is not full, we shall like to have as at first ~ We inclose you a bill Geo Laing & C^o Demarara (the 8^th Inst at 90 days) on Gidden & Lain London for 200 Pounds which please to receive & place to the C^r of BR & being given us by Cap^t Ewers for the sum you accepted for him at St Ubes ~ Capt Curtis our B will write you again from New York ~ We are &c

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Lo Alex.r & John Hadden & Co. 4 mo 26 1799

Henry Dean on whose behalf our W R J. wrote you last year, being in so poor astate of health as to be incapable of attending to business & not having found himself in a situation to meet payment of your Invoice to him dated 20 June last the responsibility of our W R J. induces us to forward you our bill of this date on T D & Co. London at 30 days for £51.7. the amount of your Invoice — We are &c

4 mo 26 1799

Lo Clams & Glover

Your favours of 16.th Inst. came duly to hand with the Invoice of goods amo.t £343.9.9 & we should have replied more early thereto, but for the expectation of receiving your promised information of the expence of duty & Insurance thereupon but never having heard since from you. & the time approaching that goods will fall due, we have this day requested our friends T D & Co. to accept your Drafts for the amo.t of the Invoice with the additional expence thereon whom you will please to draw — We are obliged by your offer of receiving our further Orders, but having only ordered them for a young man here who is yet a minor and he being so far deprived of his health as to be quite incapable of business & the goods not having come quite to his expectation, he relinquishes further trade of that kind —

Lo Benj.a Roth 4 mo 26 1799 We are &c

arg.d for the Lydia
Dup.t Via Nyork

Our W R J. wrote thee 2 mo 23. on the Lydias arrival, proposing our plan of the Ships Loading & stopping at Dublin but hearing that much Aid was gone to Ireland & having a succession of uncommon hard weather with the utmost industry it was more than 5 weeks before we found weather suitable to compleat the Ships Bottom

the is now in fine order, new Spiked & new Heathed with half inch boards ready for Coppering & having a good prospect of filling up at New York with Cotton, we determined upon altering our plan — and altho it was at first our intention to purchase none of the peoples Oil, yet finding £60 was giving for the head Matter & the Oil could be delivered in very cold weather the Capt took out his share & we purchased the residue head matter £75 & oil at £50 and Whale Oil at £18 on the Ships Acct on filling up the Oil again for Shipping we have gained 2 ℔ C.t which with the Discount £5 ℔ Ton on the head Matter makes the Oil standing in £47. 6. at this price from our ignorance of the London Market after Mrs 30 when Enderby informed it was £76 we contemplated a saving would be made, and not till last evening when the Ship was stowed off with 85 Tons of the Ships Oil & 30 Tons of brother Rodmans did we receive a letter from Dirkson since 8 mo 28 we are certainly much mortified at finding the strained Oil has turned out so badly but as we see at present no other market for it and finding by two arrivals here the President. Pinkham & Juno, Clark, (with 150 Tons each after 27 months Voyage) bring accounts of both the English & American Ships being very low, then on consulting Brother Rodman we thought it best to, take the event of its going forward it being all stripped of Iron & filled with wood hoops & well stowed & the Ship near ready for sea with the engagements of going Speedily for New York to fill up we expect with Cotton at 3d ℔ lb either for London or Bristol either of which we suppose will equally answer for a market for the Oil or Coppering the Ship — and as we have done the best in our power from the knowledge we had we hope there will be no cause to repent it the Ft from this will amo.t to £600 ℔ & we hope to get 6 or 800 £ more on New York —

Should the Ship meet thee in England we leave the whole direction to thee as to Coppering & her future destination, if thou art disposed to come out in her we shall like to have 4 or 5 Rolls Tin Shut Lead a Ton of Spanish Brown a Ton of Sutton Acker cost ab^t 10/. a Ton of dry white Lead, one ton of grouind D^o 10 C^t Venation red if it come fm England it sells here by the Cask at $8 ₩ C^t 25 or 30 Chaldrons Coals 10 tons Chalk. The fishery seems to be nearly done with us the Ships that arrive are either sold or sent on fr^t both here & at Nantucket the Juno Clark is to be fitted for Delage Bay & that Voyage we should prefer to the Pacific Ocean as it may be performed in 12 mo on Whale Ad we think must soon rise, as no Vessells are gone for it, & not a Ship is expected with any of consequence. Should it be thy choice to continue here in the fishery to some from ruin many Materials that are wanting with age, we wish her to be here as speedily as possible, as she ought to sail in the 10 mo if possible. Fitch would go out again in her. We wrote thee upon a plan of her going to Persia or to Java for Coffe we have conversed with Cap^t Smith upon the voyage & it would be agreeable to him & he thinks there will be no risk of the Malays in our unarmed Ship, if there is thought to be any we had much rather decline it, going to Persia is safe & there Coffe has been bo^t for 5 Cents ₩ lb at Batavia it is 7 ₩ cent on board ab^t 9 with duties &c. we know not if any letters of C^t can be had that will avail us in Persia but at Batavia we suppose 12 or 15,000 D Mars with letters of C^t would load her & the drafts on England being at 4 mo sight we could probably sell the Cargo here & meet the payments of the bills by remittance, or we may reship it immediately for Bremen where Java Coffe does the best & request Delius to make Insur^e & take up the bills as he is Contiguous to amsterdam we doubt not he would assist us with Letters of recommendation if not of responsibility, Letters of recommendation we doubt not would be sufficient fm Dickson

To Leonard & Crocker 4 mo 30 1799

We duly recvd your favour of 20th Instant with Six hundred Dollars on Acct of your Note handed us by Thos Hammond we wish you would send a Cask of best 20 Nails by the very first conveyance to David Buffum at Newport & Send us an Acct when you have a Conveyance please also to send us a Cask or two of 20s We hope you will be able to accommodate us by the 1st of 6mo when our first Bond becomes due at the Custom House if not before

We are &

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as many american have found no difficulty in purchasing with Bills, but we had rather have them from a person who might be benefited with the consignments of the Cargo — And should thou prefer such a Voyage by consulting Debtis it might be in his way to procure a freight from Bremen a Neutral property and by going there we may perhaps procure £1000 or more in Hams, butter & Cheese of that Country which the Batavians are very partial to & by the late Acts those articles from Holland Manufacture were very high & in great demand, we give thee these hints & leave thee to act as thou thinks best for our Interest, should the Present Cargo for Ct find a Sale & the proceeding Ct be also sold we hope together with the Pr of the Ship we shall have in Dickasons hand a balance of £1600-14 & as our AB goes to NYork in the Ship it is our expectation to remit a £1000 from there, which will be more than sufficient for our Acct with the C. but not enough without it but if thou thinks best to go with out the C. I can accommodate it, no time shall be lost in our remitting it, Capt Smith we think adequate to such a voyage, if he proves to by his conduct

under thy inspection we shall be satisfied, has has offerd to go the Voyage for 3½ ₰ C.ᵗ upon the Cargo delivered here, without wages or perquisits, but if he has a Pᵗ out he is to have the same as the present Voyage as to perquisites Viz half the Cabin 3 ₰ C.ᵗ primage & privledge & the Primage not to exceed 5 ₰ Cent if we now leave the business to thee — Capᵗ Evers has returnd from Demarara & has sent us a bill of Exchange Go Laing H.ᵒ on Biddle & Laing №3 Capd Cottrt London for 200 £ ₰ J Andrews has his orders for selling the Ship & expects to obtain £4000 for her we have not had a view of his acct — the bills we inclose to Dickason to thy Credit last thou should have left England we hear many reports of this kind but have no letter from thee for a long time can form no Judgonent — If thou should think best to abandon the Fishery with the Lydia, & does not find it easy to accommodate the Eastern Voyage, we suggest the property if she should be in season of Going to Petersburg & loading with Hemp & Iron £5000 ₰ will probably load her with 100 Tons Iron & 100 Tons Hemp and come to N York where it is likely to sell at $120 Hemp & $100 Iron, which will furnish us with a Capital of 30,000 Dollars & we shall be able to make up the remainder for the India Voyage — the Ann is nearly completed & will be a very good Ship altho on caulking her decks we doubt their answering more than one Voyage, but as she has now new masts &c it will be little expence to renew them, as Pᵗ continues high we think it probable she may go to Charleston to load for Europe, we have deferd fixing any destination in hopes we should have the aid of thy advice —

If thou sends the Lydia to Russia, please to order 40 beds with Bolsters & Pillows of the same quantity & size as they sent us last year & 20 pieces Drillings - other Linens are so high and the will be so late out. we do not think it worth while to enecare the Property - We are &c

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To William Ellery Esq. 4mo 30 1799

By direction of the Commissioner of the Revenue we now indose thee bill Lading of 14 Casks Oil for the Light House under thy care, Shipped of Sloop Nancy Gideon Delano Master those marked S are for the warm & those W for the Cooler month Capt. Delano has engaged to deliver it at the Ferry on Cananicut if thy choose without additional freight

When received we shall be obliged by thy informing us

We are &c

To Jedediah Huntington Esq. 4mo 30 1799

By direction of the Commissioner of the Revenue we now Ship thee of Sloop Nancy Gideon Delano Master 8 Casks Oil for the Light House at New London, the 5 Casks markid W are of the Cold season & those S for the warm months - when received we shall be obligid by thy informing us

We are &c

To Willis & Yardley 5mo 3. 1799

We are pleased that an ocasion has offerd to begin a correspondence with you, which we hope may eventually prove to our mutual benefit and accommodation - We received your esteemed favour of 15th ult this evening, we wrote William Miller perhaps two or three weeks since that it would much accommodate us to take in Philadelphia 3800 Gallons of Oil, the quantity ordered for the Lights at Cape May, Wilmington & Charleston, since ours we have

receive information of taking abt 2000 Gall^s of Anthony for Cape May & Cape Henry, this last we have supplied and apprehend from what we wrote him he will call upon you for 1800 Gallons, to make up the quantity for Charleston if he has not done it we request you to again offer it. as we have in supplying the other Orders shipped off so near that we cannot without purchasing send to those places and as from repeated information we supposed Oil would be very dull at your market we wish to avoid any laying on hand thro' the warm weather as we were great sufferers last summer thereby. Still when you see any opening for either Candles or Oil, we shall be pleased to keep you supplied

Should the Commissioner decline receiving the Oil which we do not expect we must request you'll to step in our behalf to Daniel Stevens Esq^r Charleston by the first Vessell 1800 Gallons and render us an account as soon as may be. delivering one bill Lading to William Miller if you have not that quantity of ours please to send what you have & we will find the remainder — We are &c

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To James & Samuel Parsons 6 mo 8. 99

We duly rec^d yours p^r the packet with two bopes stone, which as we apprehended were only 6 ℔ stone from the Giants Causway, agreable to your request we have weigh^d them & find the weight to be 11. 3. 9 Cwt as we presume neither average nor duty will be executed we hope the fr^t has been moderate Should our A/B be in York please call on him to pay your acc^t therefor if not send it to us & we will remit the Amo^t We are &c Thy fr^ds

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To Joseph Sains Esq^r 5 mo 9. 99

We are directed by the Commissioner of the Revenue to deliver thee for the use of the light houses 2400 G^ls of Oil herewith thou hast bill lading of 9 Casks gauging 809 G^ls short 6 803 G^ls and as our A Barker is now in New York we expect him to see the remainder delivered to thy order — the Oil now sent being Strand

from Body oil is designed for the warm
months what we have in Works is
winter presd from Head matter for use in
the cold season — We are &c

To Benn Lincoln Esq 5 mo 10. 1799

We have now the pleas
= ure of inclosing thee rec[t] from the two
Light house keepers of Stan[n] for 1400 Gls oil 1000
of which is pleased from the head matter
& the 400 strained from body this compleats
the quantity ordered for thy distribution &
makes the whole quantity received Gls presd
from the head & Gls Strained from body
of which we shall be obliged by thy informing
Wm Miller Esq[r] — we are &c

To Richard Mitchel 5 mo 11. 99

We rec[d] thine this morning
with rec[t] for 1400 Gls oil, but apprehend thou
did not fully understand our proposition which
thou will find by our last to be either for thee
to supply the whole quantity of oil say 1000 Gls
presd from the Matter & 400 Gls Strained from body
& receive from us 1400 Gls unstrained oil — or
to supply 1000 Gls presd oil receiving Duck
at $19 & for us to send on 400 Strained from body
which we have all ready — we supply the
gamernment at $80 for body & 55 for Head matter
Oil & having yet between 100 & 200 bs st[d] oil
we did not wish to purchase of that kind, but
as thou hast fixd the matter & been at some
trouble we are willing to send thee 400 Gls
of unstrained oil for the 400 lb[s] & take only
the 1000 Gls presd at the terms proposed — we
intend sending by the packet 38 Ps Duck — Bare &c

5 mo 14 1799

To P C Cary

Jacob Barker has shewn me thy proposition respecting my security for the Ship Rose, I have no doubt respecting the responsibility of Joseph Lyon, having received Satisfactory information from N York from my partner there nor have I any doubt but J Hicks will engage in security, but unfortunately Jacobs Letters had not reached him by the last arr. from N York Had I received J Lyons Orders to purchase the Ship I should not have hesitated to have made myself accountable, as the circumstances are & the Ship is ready for Sea rather than she should be detaind I will engage if J Hicks does not give the the security on the terms first agreed before the Ship leaves Nantucket that I will do it upon the terms thou proposd that is to say indors Jacob Barkers Drafts on J Lyon for $12500 at 4 & 6 month payable in New York

6 mo 11 1799

To James Andrews

Annexed is invoice of 100 Boxes Sperm Candles Shipd by David Clark in Schooner Betsy of this port which we hope thou will speedily find a sale for. If thou hears any opening for Spermaceti Oil we shall be glad to be informed

Please to inform us the state of the bill on Hair as we are anxious to forward the amt. to New York Yours &c

5 mo 15. 1799

To Richard Mitchil

We have thine of 13th & are pleased to find thou understood our proposals as we meant it & since it makes no difference to thee & we had previously prepard the Strand Oil in small Casks & had them full bound (as we were obliged our Contract) and our

unstrand is in very large cask we think it best to send the cask we have prepared & our Check on the Bank for the balance as stated below — 7 Casks Strand Gal 405 Gals — rec 995 Gals Prep'd Gal $723.87 — paid 38 pices Duck 722. & Check on the Bank for $1.87 wch is balance of this acct — We are &c

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To Joseph Anthony & Co 5 mo 14. 1799

By Bunker we recd your favour of the 3d with 4 Bbl Flour & 1 Keg of Crackers amt to your Cr $43.94 & for your attention thereto we are much obliged — This evening Mail has brought us yours of the 2d Inst the Contents of which we duly note, but as Bunker expects to sail in the morning with part of his Cargo for Newport & Providence we doubt our being able to give you any direction respecting the Oil, by him, as he goes on from there for Philadelphia — John Alden Shipd the Oil you allude to by Bunker to raise money which he would not sell on the spot under £22 ₱ Ton & we doubt his having much left, as the price it sold at with you is so inferior, we conceive your expectations are below what we can procure it at we have lately taken a Ships Fare of West Shore or Brazil Oil at $60 ₱ Ton on Speculation & have now about 50 Tons in our Cellar, no Ship being expected this year with Whale Oil we doubt not the price will rise towards Fall — We are sorry it is not in our power to send you the best prep'd Oil, but our Contract embraced all we had on hand & one or Two Thousand Gallons more which we have purchased we shall write you again on hearing from Alden —

We are &c

250 To Peter Rce Dalton 5 mo 16, 1799

We wrote thee 23d ult
& inclosed a dft on Wigsely for the Treasurer of
the UStates no 871 for $500, & supposed we had
recd thy acknowledgment therefor but on
searching this evening cannot find it as
our Jun partner who mostly attends the
money matters is absent in New York
since the first Ins we cannot ascertain it
but were this evening mortified to find
our check to Mr Graham for $200 was refused
and supposing there must be some
mistake in the transaction of that
dft, are anxious to hear thereof we
indosed the dft to be deposited to our Cr
we add at foot a list of our checks since
our book was settled Mar 30 and E. Sojourner
& Son has informed of depositing to our
~~Cr $117~~ Cr $117
Dft on Lincoln 2650
Treasury Dft 6000
$8767
We inclose our bank book & request
thy care to have it made conformable
to the books in the office & returned as
soon as may be — We are &c

To P R Dalton 5 mo 18. 1799

We wrote thee by yesterday mail
and are much relieved from anxiety by the receipt of thine of the
15th handed us this evening, informing of the draft for $6000
having reached thee. That it is placed to our Cr we have suffered
much mortification at our Check being refused at the bank when
we supposed we had that sum to our Cr and feel ourselves under
Obligation to our friend J Andrews for taking up the Check

how it could be three weeks delay'd in reaching thee we are at a loss to conjecture — We here inclose J Barkers bill on J Howard at 15 days sight for $750 which we shall be much obliged by thy sending for acceptance & at maturity placing it to our C.r — we do not wish it noted in case of its not being honourd without the advice of the drawer who will be in Boston & if he wishes it will inform thee thereof — We are &c

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To Leonard Wrocker 5 mo 18. 1799

Your favour of this day is before us with $500 inclosed which shall be endorsed on your note, & are pleased to find you will be able to send $1500 in season to meet our first Bond at the Custom House, the rails shall be placed to your Credit when we receive them —

We are &c

To Joseph Henry Herewith we hand thee Invoice & Bill Lading 50 Boxes Sperm.a Candles which are of very good quality & which we hope thee will find a Sale for before long. if thee can find a Sale for a few Tons Spermaceti Oil so as to net us here £50 we shall be glad to be informd please to inform us what is thy prospect herein as also for 40 or 50 Tons Whale Oil & a quantity of whalebone, to all which we may depend upon the proceeds when the C.r has expird — J Roth requested thee to Ship a Spar for a main yard 50 feet to 8 square 12 Inches in the slings which we wish may come by the first opportunity —

We are

252 To Moses Seixas 5 mo 21 99

We shall be obliged by thy collecting at maturity & placing to our Cr the two Dfts here inclosed dated Baltimore 8th may both George Sears on Chris. Fowler & Co. — Viz.

one 30 days after date for — — — — — — — $650 —
one 60 Do. — & Do — — — — — — — — — 729.10
$1379.10

We are

To George Sears 5 mo 22. 99

Thy obliging fav of 8th came duly to hand last evening inclosing $300 in Cash & thy two Dfts on C Fowler & Co for together $1379.10 which with the Debentures Certificate ballances thy Account — for thy attention herein we are obliged & shall inclose thee back the Certificate corrected at our office which the Collector says was an omission of his duty — We are pleased to find thou hast closed the sales of the Duck & Candles & we wish to avail ourselves of a conveyance to Ship thee 50 Boxes Candles or more if thou sees a prospect of Sale — please also to give us information if a further quantity of Duck of the same quality will find a Sale we have a little on hand & expect an early Ship — We observe by the Papers Delano has arrived we shall be much obliged if thou will find & inform us how his Insurance was made from Baltimore to Oporto what sum & in whose name, as for the benifit of same of his Creditors, we had some done here in our own name (agreeable to his Register) conditiond that if Insurance was effected in Baltimore in our name, the Policy here should be void —

We are &c &c

To Edward Blake 5 mo 23. 99

W R & sons having dissolved & their active partner having no oil on hand has handed thine of 21 requesting terms for 2 or 3 tons Sp oil — we have just compleated the delivery to the gouvernment of 24000 Gs Pressd Fin Head matter at 73 Cents P Gal & Sts oil at 67 abt £55 & £50 P Ton either of those quantities we should be pleased to furnish thee with at the same prices, or if thou chuses body oil upon its bottoms we will furnish that at £50 which are the lowest prices we have ever sold at for Cash — we will deliver it on board at those prices at Godg — on recieving thy orders — if thou wants it full bound it will be an addional expence of $2 P Ton but we suppose it unnessarry unless it be restricted

We are &

Samuel Elliot 5 mo 23. 99

Thine of 21 is just handed us & we much regret thy not having forwarded thy bill of expence upon the oil before as we have never recd it but have to acknowledge our neglect in not calling for it for on reexamining thy letters we find in thy last dated june 27 thou mentions having pd some expence but we had not recd thy Acct but if obtained early enough should be inclosed — our Mr was gone from home at the recpt of that letter & has never seen it untill the present search & suppose it slipt the memory of our Jun partner

We have to ask thy excuse & now forward with our thanks for thy trouble in that transaction Dft check for the Amt & Interest say $14 — Cap Clark of Schooner Betsy we suppose is now in Boston by whom if

254 thou will send thy Cask we will fill it with oil — we are &c

Jonathan Hastings 5 mo 25. 99

Thine of 24 is at hand with $81 for which thou hast our check inclosed we are &c

To Benj Rotch (annexed to one of 20) 5 mo 25 99

The ary of which the fore-going is a copy, I expect will be in time for the Lydia as 7 of her crew have had the small pox we expect her to make 7 or 800 £ fr[t] fm Newyork, this evining I have rec[d] thine of 4 mo 7 J Sumner the Galen & John Jay not yet in, as the exchange is so low we do not think thou'll make the saving thou contemplates at £30 if as thou says in thy last that 50 to 60 is calculated upon it may be presumed no more will go fm america & if the London ships do not return successfull it will doubtless rise I think we might now purchase at £30 Stg but think we had better waite a little — The ann will probably be laid by untill 8 mo as thou ~~supposes~~ proses — I shall write to Ab[m] to send a bill of Sale the needfull thou may do when thou recieves it provided she goes on thy plan, in which case it will be our choice to relinquish acknowledging our kind offer & thou need feel no delicasy about it as we expect to send the Barclay to the India Ocean were we can with our other navigation employ a large capi-tal as much as is prudent under the circumstances of our partnership — but

if she returns to this Country to be employed she will remain as she is unless from thy arrangements in Europe thou will prefer our holding both parts which will stand equal with us for thy choice — If I can obtain blk bill of sale before the mail closes I shall inclose one signed and thou may when thou sees the register fill the blks — least Abm letter should be too late —

Thy Affe Gde

PS The Ls wha O— was bot on Ships Acc 50 Ta $60 now in store write me if that will do & at what price as we took it in expectation of is rising none is expected in this season

5 mo 20. 1799

To Elisha Sigourney & Son

Your obligeing fa of 23 Ult came duly to hand with J Gs note and your Acc Curt which proveing free from error is balanced in our books by your deposit in the Bank — We have Ship'd to your address per W Allen as per anexed invoice 50 Boxes good Sperm Candles which we hope you will find a sale for in due season Should you have any sale for Sd Sperm Oil we shall be glad to Ship you some of it, if it will net us £50 — We are &c

To William Miller Esq 5 mo 28. 1799

We have hitherto delayd acknowledging the rec of thy fa of 10th April (accompanied by one from the Treasurer with a Dft of $6000 by which we were glad to find thou had taken 1988 Gls of J Anthony & Co's in hopes before this to have rec advice that the 1800 Gls for the Charletown Lights was either rec by thy order or that Willis & Yardley had Shipd it to that port by our request in a letter to them of the 3d Inst — There some delay on the part of the superintendant at

256 New York we were not advised of
his receiving the Oil, untill yesterday
except the 1800 Gls in Phia designed for
Charlestown, thy orders have been July 2d
compleated and we have rec'd advice
of its being all landed except from
Norfolk, were we hear the vessel
arrived in Safety, we shall add hereto
the quantity & Ow of Bill Lading of the
parcels ship'd to Newport & New London
should the 1800 Gls be sent from Phia. there
will remain to compleat the 24000 Gls
1602 Gls which is now in Store ready for
thy future orders — we are Sorry for
the inconvenience experienced in some
of the Casks being of a large Size it was a
fault we could not remidy the last season
but are determined to avoid it in future

Oil Dlvd for Order of Wm Miller Eqr

1799				
1mo 11	Ship'd to Sag Harbour	805 prfd	807	Sld
18	Dlv'd Benn Lincoln	765	3888	— —
"	Ship'd to Portsmouth	637	259	
"	Do — to Norfolke	524	270	
30	Do — to New London	335	167	
"	Do to Newport	562	283	
	Dlvd in New Yorke	1613	809	
	Do Philad'a	1988	6483	
			14115	
	in Phia assigned for Charlestown		1800	
	Remaining in Store		1602	
			24000 Gls	

Wm Miller

To Benn Lincoln Eqr 5 mo 27. 99

Our W.R.J. feels him-
-self much obliged by thy information
respecting the Cost of the Lantern on Cape Cod

as it will facilitate some of our neighbours
in their calculations to give their proposals
for the Light house on Gay Head as from
their want of knowledge they have in their
estimate calculated only $500 — Having
dld the Oil ordered by the Commissioner of
the Revenue, we are about making up
our Acct with him & wish to know from
thee, whether we charge the whole dld
thee, with expence thereon to thee or all
to the Comr of the Revenue — Howland has
not yet returned tho we hear he has landed
all his Oil — As we always consider the
Oil ready for delivery when filled up &
course the expence of pumping off rolling
down & wharfage amounting to 12 Cents pr
Bl belongs to the purchaser & not having
any view of payeing that expence ourselves
in offering our terms, we shall be obliged
by thy advice whether the Comrs has reason
from the expressions of our proposals
to think it an improper charge, as we
shod rather lose it ourselves than to be
thought chargeing more than we ought
We are &

To Paris Stocker 5 mo 7. 99

From the information you so
obligingly gave me last fall of the State of T Thomas
affairs I wrote to my friend in London by the Minerva
Capt Turner received a power of attorney, & several of
my friends mentions his being in indigent circumstan-
ces & meriting the aid of the humane I feel anxious to
afford her some relief as soon as may be & if it will be
attended with too much inconvenience to yourselves to accept
of my substitution to settle the business, will you be so kind
name a person on whom you can confide that I may

authorize them for a settlement, and is too inconvenient for me to leave home at this time - pardon me for the trouble I give you I believe me to be your respectfull &c

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To Champlin & Smith 5 mo 29 1799

By advice of our A Barker we have now Ship'd you p Capt Taber 5 Ca Linnid Ad & 300 Ru Matts p bill below the Ad being deliverable in N York Capt Taber will Charge us with the Freight &c When you get it in store we wish you to fill up the Cask & Inform us what is short as we omitted doing it because it will go safer not quite full according to our judgment they would require from one to two Gallons With you wish in your new establishment we are &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton 5 mo 31. 1799

We ask thy favour in collecting & placing to our Credit the inclosed draft Asa Russell on his uncle Joseph Russell Junr dated 5 mo 29. 20 days after date for Two hundred Dollars in complying there with thou will oblige thy very respectful Friends &c

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To Benj Lincoln Esqr 6 mo 1 1799

We are obliged by thine of yesterday covering thy receipts ~~for Ad~~ for the Ad delivered thy Order, and mark thy excuse for troubleing the again upon the subject of additional expence for ~~troubleing~~ upon the Ad preventing our last did not fully define our meaning - The terms of our

offer stands in our letter book in these words, "the price we fix for the Oil on the Spot, but we can as conveniently deliver it in Boston N York or Phila° with addition of the fr.t & Insur.e to those places, & if thy meaning that it be pulld hoops which the Oil Dealers call pullbinding ~~ing~~ that expence will be about 2/ ℔ Ton of 252 Gallons — fr.t last year to Boston 82.67 N York 3.33 & Phila 4/50 ℔ Ton" — Our terms were accepted to deliver it here, & we had orders to deliver to Gen.l Lincoln 11600 Gallons when we had filled the Cask & taken of the Gauge according to universal custom, we conceive we had complied with the contract, it was then expedient for the safety of transportation to pump off a little from each Cask, which expence, with rolling down & wharfage (the wharf not being our own) is always a charge to the purchaser, and which we took upon ourselves to have done not as a part of the duty of the seller but to relieve thee from the trouble — the like observations will apply in every case we conceive, when the Commissioner has ordered us to ship it to the respective lighthouses had the Contract concluded to receive it all in N York, Boston or Philadelphia an objection might have arisen to any expence except fr.t & insurance, from our not correctly expressing what were really our ideas, as we never had any thoughts of being at any expence ourselves when the Oil was filled up & ready to deliver, general customs having fixed the rule beyond any doubt —

we request thou would review the subject and then if thou thinks we aught not to make the charge we will bear it ourselves —

260 As thou hast our acknowledgment of receiving
on four thousand Dollars in taking up our
Check on the [illegible] Bank to Boston for $1350
& accepting our Dft upon thee for $2650
on Acct of the Oil supplied the Government
will thou return us the Check & if it
will be more regular for our whole Acct
to be p.d from the treasury we will on
its rec.t send the a Check for $4000 advanced
us. we have rec.d from the treasurer only
$6000 ——— Yrs &c

6 mo 1. 99

Wm Miller

Gen.l Lincoln having
sent us by this days mail his rec.ts for
the oil Dl.d by thy order to him we now
inclose them to thee which completes
our vouchers for all that has been Dl.d
except what has been rec.d at York &
Phi.a we hope in a few dys to receive
them when we shall be able to
forward thee our general Acct

Yrs &c

Gen.l Lincolns rec.t

Vis	No 1	3390	Wh.d Oil	1595	Dl.d
	2	3261	- - -	1893	
	3	1000	- - - -	400	
		7651 Gls		3888 Gls	

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6 mo 5. 1799

To Obed Fitch

Thou has by the packet 5 Casks Oil
unstraind gauge as p Acount 504 Gallons for the 2 Tons of Spts
for thee p the Lydia which we are glad thou has accepted as we
are clear it would not net thee £40 Stg in London thou art to
for the whale Voyage & our A B has entred in our Journal 260
Gallons of the 13 Casks as purchased by thy conclusion at $60 p Ton

amount to 141.43 our W R J. does not know the transaction but if thou chuses to have the Oil it is all in the Cellar I shall be sent thru — When we requested thy drawing on us our money was in Boston, but having since drawn it we now send thee the balance say $993.57 leaving $141.43 until we hear again from thee whether to send the money or the Whale Oil either will suit us

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To Leonard & Crocker 6 mo 8. 1799 Weare &c

With your Lr & S R we rec'd .. $500 —
In your letter rec'd on 6 Inst — .... 850 —
In your letter of this days .... 150 —
Your A Bill in York of A Leonard ... 600 —
$2100

All which sums stand endorsed upon your note — We rec'd nothing for Paddleford & Co's Bill money for bricks which we should have gladly discounted Weare &c

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James Andrews 8 mo 8. 99

We feel ourselves obliged by thy friendship in taking up our protested Check for $200 thou may either charge us the amo't & return us the Check or call for it at the Bank we had at that moment a D't from the Treasurer for $6000 which the Cashier had nearly three weeks before rec'd after Bank hours & for Safety put it in the vault &c &c — we shall be glad to find when our mutual fr'd Delius takes up a ship for Bremen & if he consents & if he consents shall be glad to make a Shipment to his Brother — Please inform us if 1 or 2000 $ can be laid out in hides for the Bremen market & at what price — if thou can sell Delius or any other person 12 or

262 20000 Whale Bone at 10 Cents ℔ (in Boston)
we shall like to Send thee what we have
(the exact quantity we dont know) we have
heard he had purchased at that Price

Yrs &c.

To Capt Elihu Smith

5 mo 26 1799

Thou being Master of Ship Lydia
we recommend thy proceeding immediately for London where
(an application to our frends Thomas Dickason & Co) thou will
be able to find B Roth to whose direction we submit the future
destination of the Ship — it being our wish to have the Ship Copp
every possible dispatch therein will be requisite and if B Roth
should have embark'd for America or is absent & cannot be consulted
T Dickason & Co will render thee every apistance necessary to whom
we have written on the subject — In sending the Ship up the
Baltic for a Russia Cargo will bring her so late on this Coast, we
think to abandon that plan, unless it should be Benj's ~~plan~~
Judgment that such a Voyage would be best —

We have Sent Benj's an Order for a Quantity of goods
to come from Holland which we wish to be ordered by B Roth
T D & Co immediately on thy arrival to be in readiness either to
be Ship'd over to England or the Lydia to run over & take them
onboard as said Friends may judge most advisable — Should
thou find nothing that renders it unsafe for an unarm'd Ship
to go to Batavia we request thou would take onboard the above
mention'd good, with what other funds that shall be provided
and procured as fast as possible to Batavia & procure a load

of Coffee - should thou not be able to get Coffee make up the deficiency with Sugar or other Artides that will afford the best prospect of Return immediately to N Bedford W R late Super Cargo of the Mary Capt Harbor tells us when he was there in 7mo last Coffee Cost with all Charges paid onboard about 9 Cents & Sugar about 4 ℔ 6d English weight the mode of Trade thou will recollect he told us was carry'd due observance was had to their rules for trade to which thou will be particular. I not have any trade carried on by which the Ship or Cargo will be liable to seizure - the expence also very light there & as the unhealthiness of the Climate is so liable to produce fevers & other disorders on American Constitutions, if exposed to labour in the heat of the day - thou will be particularly careful of thy Crew in this respect & there the natives of the Country whose expence is about 50 Cents ℔ day to labour when it may by dangerous for thy Crew to be exposed - if thou provides an awning to the Ship, we apprehend no danger would arise from exercising under that, & as the morning is the most comfortable time to do business there thou will endeavour to accomplish before that time is part what may be necessary for the day - As much as possible thou must prevent thy Peoples going on Shore & by no means permit any one to lodge out of the Ship - Should thou have occasion to draw Bills for any part of the Cargo thou will endeavour to put them at a Sight which will allow us time to Ship the property to Europe & the proceeds to meet their payment - perhaps 4. 6 or 8 months would accommodate us -

Rob.t drew Bills on amsterdam payable 12 months after date & by the Exchange of money at Batavia he reduces the discount on the Bills to about 15 ℔C. Thou will endeavour to acquaint thyself with the best mode of negociating Exchange to reduce the loss as much as possible — we expect our friends in London will procure thee Letters of Credit either from Holland or England to enable thy drawing at Batavia but if they do not we shall give thee a Certificate or Letter Shewing that we will be accountable for thy bills to obtain amo.t which was all that Rob.t had in loading with Coffee Thou will be particularly careful to take every possible precaution in dunnaging & preparing the Ship for the reception of her Cargo to guard against the possibility of its receiving damage on the passage home —

We suppose the Ship will bring £50 or 500,000 ℔ Coffee if thou finds it advisable to build a dwelling place for the Ships Company on Deck, she will bring 250 Tons which is 560,000 ℔ but this we shall leave to thy judgment, reminding thee its a great distance for a Ship to go for a Cargo Therefore it will be best to bring the Ship as full as will be prudent to come such ~~voyage~~ distance —

Should our European friends procure a.t of Neutral property for Batavia Thou will endeavour to use much dispatch as possible indeed whether a.t is procurd or not, we request Thou to observe this very necessary care thro the Voyage — Had the many Capt Hatcher met with no accident when she arrived on this Coast her voyage would have been completed in about 10 mo.s from her departure from this country — The Sett of Articles we have sent for Rob.t to

as he was offers 75 ℔ C. if he would procure them of Dutch manufactory from Holland (to which they are very partial) & carry them to Batavia but thou will acquaint thyself with the best market & act for our Interest accordingly — We expect the Letter of Credit that will be furnish'd the or may be procur'd will be adequate to the purchase of ⅔ the Cargo but think it would be prudent to risk on drawing Bills for more than ⅔ the Cargo — If our friend Benj Rotch or D C should not think proper to provide such funds as they may deem prudent to go with — but should order the Ship immediately back to America, we request thy taking onboard the goods for the Batavia market & what other ⅓ they shall procure for either Newyork or Boston, if they should get ~~one~~ enough to make it an object to stop at either of those places — & act as fast as possible —

We intend writing by some vessels that sales about the same time with thyself, to our friends T D & C° to have some Insurance effected in case the Lydia has a long passage but thou will be favour'd with one Short enough to prevent its being done — on acct of which thou will please to transmit information to T Dickason & C° of thy safe arrival as speedily as possible — Thou will not forget to write us by the earliest conveyance after thy arrival & at other times by every opportunity that presents — & particularly on & during thy stay at Batavia — write by every vessel to America — thy Letters will soon find their way to N Bed after they once get into a Post office on the Continent — If the People should prefer being discharged, to going in the Ship should she go to Batavia or on any other acct they are discharg thou will recollect all S Wickets Wages that will be due

the voyage. he is indebted to persons in New Bedford & to whom he has promis'd to leave it in our hands or ye S. Potter has left an order with us to pay his wife ye his wages & White is also much in debt & promises to leave his wages in our hands David, James, & Jabb are minors - all the above if not the whole Crew will we apprehend prefer going in the Lydia until she returns - We wish thee to purchase no prize goods Spiritus Liquors or warlike Stores on our acct - (28th) As Bery will be in England on thy arrival we leave the destination of the Ship to him, wishing thee to act at all times with oeconomy & prudence consistent with the interest of the owners & whose interest thy transaction will ever hope at times evence to be the first object of thy care to that of others) remembering that dispatch is the life of business & procrastination the thief of time - Their are several parcels staves onboard belonging to different concerns. Thou will keep the Accts seperate to enable us to settle with the owners before thy leaving England transmit us amount thereof also onboard is one bale Sea Island Cotton 290 ℔ which dispose of on the best terms thou can -

Thou will recollect their Insurance made on both Ship & Cargo, which renders it the more necessary all thy proceeding where insurance is to be effected, to bear the Stamp of legality During the operation of the Small Pox on several of the Crew, which rendered them unfit for duty we suppose 10 or 12 days would be right to be deducted from their wages incase thou should discharge them in a foreign port also the Doctors bill for attendance &c during the disorder which is $5 a piece -

To Charles Jackson Esq.

6 mo 10 1799

Through the recommendation of our mutual friend E Stocker, I take the Liberty to request thy care & attention to the cause of a very unfortunate widow in England who is now reduced to an only dependance upon what she may receive from the Estate of Thos Thomas late of your place, who by the inclosed letters took an agency to settle the affairs of her Son D Janes. & stands now by the inclosed statement indebted £287.2.6 with Interest if thou can secure it from 1785 I have an ample power from the widow which suppose will be necessary for thee to have, with my substitution which I shall forward by a private conveyance wishing to save the afflicted widow all I can in expence should thou find any other documents necessary please to inform me – but as this is all I have recvd hope no other will be wanting – I shall be pleased to hear when any settlement is like to be made

I am &c

Charles Jackson

6 mo 10 99

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268 to Save the afflicted widow all I can in expence — Should there find any other document necessary please to inform me but as this is all I have rec^d hope no other will be necessary — I shall be pleased to hear when any settlement is like to be made —

Sam^l R Jun^r

To Brothers De Bauque New York 5 mo 25. 1799

Should Cap^t. Smith Master of our Ship Lydia, Stand in need of ~~your~~ any assistance you will please to give him every aid in your power, & he has accountable therefor — The Lydia will sail in a few days with half a Cargo of Oil from New Bedford & the other half taken in here but no Contraband goods onboard — We are &

To Cap^t. Smith New York 5 mo 25. 1799

As we propose thy taking Letters of C^r. on Europe to Batavia for the purchase of a part of the Lydias Cargo we do not expect thou will have funds sufficient with out them to load the Ship, we therefore Authorise thee by this letter of C^r. to draw bills for our a/c^t. for said purpose to the amount of 30 or 40,000 Dollars valuing thyself either on us Owners of the Lydia or on our friends T D H^s. London Geo Smith H^s. Hamburg T D Bremen as will best accommodate the negociation, & we will be accountable therefor — please to give us early advice thereof & by several conveyances as we may have ~~to provide~~ funds provided to meet their payment of said bills as they fall due — We are &

addition to J Dukason & Co. Letter of 4 mo 26

New York 5 mo 28 99

Foregoing we have written you pretty fully - our A B being now in this City we do ourselves the pleasure of again addressing you by the present conveyance - Inclosed we hand you J H Jun.r Bill dated 4 mo 23 in favour J Hicks for £500 at 30 days & Jos Lyon & Co. Bill on Lubbock Cott & Co. 18.th Inst. for £700 at 60 days which you will please to present for acceptance & at maturity place to our Credit Should B Rotch want funds for the Lydias future destination & we have any in your hands either arising from Sales or remittances you will please furnish him on our account -

Hazard & Lyons 2.nd Bills are forwarded by Severn via Liverpool sailed 3 days past - We also inclose J Mayhews Bill for a part of a Shipment of Tobacco to Liverpool which you will also please to receive, should the person not be in funds with you to occasion no expence of protest & in consequence thereof as it must eventually come out of us & We are &

We are &

James Andrews

5 mo 15. 99

Thy esteemed fav.r of 10.th Inst. is duly to hand and observe thou art endeavouring to seek a market for whale bone and by return of post hope to hear thou hast succeeded therein - in which case shall ship it by first conveyance - please also inform us if the Ranger is full and when she goes we have a small parcel of Whalebone on hand

270 but from the prospect of so much
less quantity being at market the
ensuing summer than usual we
conceive it will be a Scarce article
consequently its price inhanced from
its present low rate if thou deems
the applicant for oil perfectly Safe
we will furnish the quantity say 10
tons Whale oil a £20 p Ton Sh^d here
by Cap^n Mather who sails from here
on 13^th Inst^o we shipp'd to thy address 30 Box^s
Sp^m Candles altho we had made thee
a Shipment of 100 Boxes but having
heard thou disposed of 50 Boxes we hope
the remainder will shortly meet
a good Sale and leave the market clear
for the present parcel — We are &c^a

Wm

Dan^l Ratch

New York 5 mo 25 99

We have writing thee
pretty fully by the present conveyance from
Bedford & now forward Duplicate by the Fair
american of this port — The Lydia is now nearly
full so that in a few dys we hope to have her
ready for Sea the detention we have experienced here
has been much greater than was anticipated
being now almost 3 weeks since her arrival here
& the crew have had to pass the operation of having
the Small pox during the time but are now in a
fair way of recovery a detention not meditated
when we left home — What the L^d S^t will
and we will not at foot — As to the Batavian
voyage we mentiond as AB would write thee
further from this place & since his arrival he
has conversed with M^r lately returned in the
Mary and it is his opinion as well as Cap^n
Hackers that a Ship may go safely without
guns to Batavia an^d an^r & molestation from
the Mallays there being many english and
vessels in those Seas as well as in the Sts of
Sunda also boats fitted out by the Dutch Gov^t
who speak most of the vessels within the

Str[s] — The Mary went unarmed but or had but 2 or 3 Signal guns when She Sailed in 12mo last but on her return to this Cast in 12mo last & fm the severity of the weather was obliged to go to the W.I where the Supercargo armed the Ship several of the owners being fr[d] his conduct was much disapproved since her arrival they have obl[d] the Ship partly on acc[t] of her situation — Those owners tell me they have it in view to procure another Ship & send her to Batavia unarmed not apprehending the risk from the Inhabitants of that Country two great & the dangers arrising fm more civilized nations than will be qualified to judge of — wishing more fully to estimate such a risk we made application the Company here for the premium on such a Voyage who say they will write on the ~~premium~~ Lydia fm England to Ba & back to the US a 25 p[r] Cent should she not be out of time when applic= =cation is made — it being undetermined whether she goes such a voyage or not we shall not cause any insurance to be effected untill we hear something fm thee — I inclosed is a list of articles procured fm & J lately returned fm there that answer very well and afford a good profit at Ba[s] — if of Dutch manufactory & imported fm Holland to which they are very partial — M[r] Coffin procured us a list fm Cap[t] J L who was afford £100 for it in Boston and has only given a copy with a view of promoting M[r] interest we are therefore not to communicate the contents to others — Since our M[r] arrival here he has procured another list of W R who says he was offered 75 p[r] C[t] if he would procure the articles Dutch manuf[d] & bring them to Ba on the list I see 50 p[r] C[t] M[r] advance is engaged being in Dutch I have had it translated and shall inclose it also — If thou determins on Sending the Lydia to Ba (which plan is the opinion of R F & & L G to be less hazard than either Manilla or Persia) it will be best to send a Copy of the list to F Delius to procure the articles and send them over or Send the Lydia to take them in great care should be taken in putting up

272 those articles to prevent their injuring
in the hot latitudes much having been ex-
=ported to Batavia that country doubtless they
will be aquainted with the best method
WR carried out Some hams altho of this country
production and damaged yet netted him some
profit — should it not be convenient for the
to raise funds for the residue of the Cargo we
propose the Lydia taking in those goods with
what fr she can get from England or Holland
and comeing immeadiatly back — we have
no late Acc from London of the State of the Ast
market but all heretofore Shipd we hope was
during the winter ~~heretofore~~ run off (we can
hardly rationally hope a favourable Sale was
made of it) & that the present Cargo & Sans
Ships Acc will not lay long on hands —
being of a quality better adapted to the mind of
the purchasers besides the funds arrising from
those expected Sales there will be the residue of
the Ships fr after cappering her £1200 Stg we
remit to S D& Co all which will be at thy disposal
for this purpose — Should thou prefer sending
funds in the Ship adequate to the purchase
of the whole cargo we will endeavour to make
as early remittance for any deficiency as possable
Exchange being much under par renders it
favourable for Such an arrangement but the
Letters of Cr we we esteem much the most favour-
=able mode which we have no doubt will be
readyly and easily negociated at Batavia The owner
gave WR a letter of Cr certifying they would be
accountable for his bills to the Amt $100,000 for
the purpose their Ship m — and another Vessel
Should he have occasion to draw, which he
would have found no difficulty in doing but not
being in want of the whole he drew bills payable
12 mo after date in Amsterdam for $10000 only &
the loss of Exchange or rather discount was defrayed
by the exchanges of monies to 15 pCt only which the
Insurance Acc would almost amount to — & the
payment of the bills met by the Sales of the
same property — We suppose ~~not~~ the Lydia will
bring ~~450~~ 450 or 500,000 lb Coffee that on board
costs ab 9 Cents pr lb & the charges of the ship are
very light — perhaps the number of Ships gone
into that trade may tend to raise the price

a little when M was there no coffee later than the crop of 95 had been disposed of the mode of trade is very easy and great dispatch made 20 or 25 days will be sufficient of the Lydia to be there if the M— had been successfull in getting into port on her return back to the east 10 mo this would have completed her voyage — the Lydia will return in a more mild season — we have thought of the Ls going up the Baltic should she be in season but as M thinks it will her to late back to this country — if we determine on the Batavian voyage we think the Russian plan had better be abandoned even if she returns to this country before she goes into the E Ocean as it will bring his arrival in the 12 mo & should the season be again severe her outfit would not only be tedious but attended with considerable delay thereby — therefore her departure for Europe to Ba would be preferable to either — Sugars at Ba cost ab$ 4 engl lb which M sold in the WI for 100 p Ct profit — having gone thus minutely into details (as I am will think) we submit the future destination of the Ship to thee — but if She should go on the Baltic this season thy earliest advises will be necessary to govern our arrangements respecting the minerva Cargo as its probable she will be an early Ship in we shall wish to avail ourselves of the first markets which are decidedly the highest preceding the arrival of the Ru Ships generally (& only retain hemp enough to last the Lydias return

The ann we expect to have ready in all this 12 mo no voyage is yet fixed on so one good propositions have been made for Ships here to take a fr to the WI of 5 or 8000$ for thence to the bay of honduras & take a load of Mahog & Log wood for London at 8 or 8 — a full built Ship like the Annawe suppose will carry 600 Tons insurance on such a voyage we suppose would be for 2 ½ to 2 ¾ p Ct

Capt Hawes or Handy we think of for a master —

Capt Whippy arrived on 12th Inst who gives us the latest accts of thy wegare 2 mo Bal London Ships are anxiously look'd for Several Liverpool Ships are just in — The Brig Eliza Kempton sailed for N Bedford 12 mo 20 for Cadiz or Gibraltar & no acct for him since we made insurance on her a 3 p Ct within this few days the cargo was dried cod fish —

we have also made Insurance on the Canal

2/4 of the Lydia to the amo of $10000 & on the Ship $6000 valued at $9000 at 10 p Ct we shall write P D Ho & make further insurance in case she has a long passage and at the present low rate of exchange having purchased at 10 p Ct the premium will be much lessned if the premium is effected — we hope no Acct of the Minerva Since Capt Whitney left London She was then unloading & from Gardners determination to be one of the first ships out of the Baltic we hope ere this he is at Petersburg and will shortly be out again hemp is now $175 to 180 p Ton & from the very great scarcity of Cash we have no doubt a less price would purchase it — Iron $100 to 110 indeed the want of money is so great at this time it is difficult to say what the real price of many articles are — Articles that command a good price in England are high here notwithstanding the low rate of Exchange the speculating disposition of Americans so much rages lately that many are the exports from this Country & many are the sufferers from others imprudence —

By our PR letter under date 20 Inst some little different arrangements has taken place we hope therefore Thou will be able to procure funds sufficient with the articles from Bremen & send the Ship immeaditly to Ba Inclosed we hand the invoice & Bill Lading 2/4 Ca Acct amo $16995.54 Thou will hear again in a few dys from us —

Ships & from N Bedford $587.10
from York .... 862.10 } exclusive of Stores

1450 —

5 mo 30 / By the Lydia Capt Smith who sails in the morning Thou will recieve several of our preceding dates & this we have a letter from our PR of 25 Inst which acknowledges rec of thine 3 mo 28 p Turner 4 mo 7 others not at hand and have concluded the Acct to thy Acct at £32 & invoice accordingly is forwarded accompanys Bill Lading here inclosed — we have applyed to the office for the rate of premium on the Lydia & if they are disposed to take another risk on her at the same rate as before shall have further insurance made on the Cargo — we mentioned if Thou

hast a mind to take the Ship a $10002/5
thou may do it or send her to Ba for a load of
Coffee which promises so much profit we
rather suppose thou will send her immediately
out — if she goes thou'll recollect Hallands hams
are a very excellent article to send out — I mention
them not big. in Capt J list — if care is had
in packing them up so as to get them there
in good order they afford a very handsome profit
perhaps the Lydia would have commanded more
money than 10000 $ at one time this spring
but doubt her doing it just now she is of excellent
materials rendered so more from her trade
than otherwise being now near 12 years old
& quite Sound — (3) we have had 7000 $ In=
=surance made this morning which makes
$ 8000 on Cargo — We are &c

Olney Windsor 6 mo 17. 99

Inclsed we hand thee
Coles bill on J Calles 90 days after St. of $340 —
Accepted 4th April which at maturity shall be
obliged thy recieving & have placed to our Cr —
We are &c

To Abel Fitch 6 mo 22

Thy favour of 8th Inst. came to
hand & we now annex thee a Settlement of thy acct with
Balance due thee $108.35 which is herewith forwarded
in our Check on your bank & if the same be free from
Error please to note it to us accordingly — We are &c

To John Christy Junr 6 mo 22. 99

Having recived advice of the
acceptance of thy Bill for £50 Stg we presume the same
has been duly paid — therefore we herewith hand thee our
Check on Nant. Bank for $222.22 which if paid is in full for
the same & the receipt whereof please to acknowledge — We are

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To George Folger Junr

6 mo 22. 1799

Inclosed we hand the Samuel Rodmans Chuck this date for $216.85 & Prince Gardners Chuck for $100 which please to receive & place to our Credit If any hesitation should arise in consequence of none endorsment we will be accountable therefor, John Taber being absent from Town — We are &c —

To Joseph Hussey

6 mo 22. 99

We have thine of 21st & having little Oil on hand & several holders in Town being unwilling to sell at what we think the price will come down to, dare not engage it under $150 ₩ Ton 60 days here, but if thou will name us a price we will do the best we can in procuring it — S Rodman rec'd thine & desires us to say he has none on hand, please if thou wants to say if strained Oil will be thy wish. or upon its bottoms — We are &

To T Dickason & Co.

6 mo 26. 99

We have already informed you that we expect Capt J Delano of the Ship Warren on his arrival at Belfast would remit you £500 Stg on our acct his owners have rec'd information from him that he has so done & also that he had followd their Orders with respect to what balance was due to them which was also to remit it to you in our name ons as they wished to avail themselves of a part thereof, presuming it is so done we have this day drawn upon you in favour of J Dean (one of the owners) for £150 Stg which we shall be much obliged by your

giving honour to when they appear — We are &c

To Allen Shepherd 6 mo 15. 1799

We have under date 3 mo received a letter from Frederick Delius Bremen, mentioning that Buenos Ayres Hides are much in demand & notes them selling without Freight and Insurance from 18. to 23 grots ℔ to agroot is a Cent we thought it probable thou would like to take a concern in a Shipment of that article which we find very low in New York — the quality of those hides thou can enquire how they bear with what are at market. If thou thinks they will answer we should like to risk on $2000 laid out therein & S Rodman $2000 more both to go together on joint account is his & our choice — if thou can find such as will be likely to compare well with hides of that country, which kind we are quite ignorant of — but suppose they cant differ much from the Havanah hides — we shall leave thee to exceed the rate of 6 Cents which we have noted in the price current if thou finds the quality good but dont wish to exceed 8 Cents to which S Rodman consents they are often insure'd in a manner that requires the judgment of tanner to distinguish which thou will please carefully to attend to — if thou can purchase them we wish them to be shipd to Delius at Bremen if no Ship for Bremen they may go for hamburg consign'd for Delius ~~at Bremen~~ notwithstanding S Rodman's mentioning to George Smith &c. as Delius will then avail himself of the best market — We are &c

278 To David Anthony 7 mo 9. 1799

Thine of 21 Ult.o is duly at hand covering Sales of two parcels Candles amounting to $971.73 to thy Debit in the Sales of 8 Boxes to D Anthony of 215 lb it is over Cast $2 which we have rectified & Stands accordingly on our Books if not right please to notice it to us —

Please to send us per 4th Line preturn of Capt Allen —

We are &c

To Willis & Yardley 6 mo 25. 99

Your obliging favr of 4th Inst came duly to hand & for your attention to the Dr of the Oil to H Miller's Order we are much obliged we expected the Cammissioner would have rec.d of you about what Oil we had in your hands & we were the more desierous therefor because the hot season was so fast advancing by which if it remains unsold we shall be in great danger of sustaining much loss by Leakage — but hope ere this you have been fortunate enough to meet a favourable Sale for the 4 remaining Casks Should it however be on hand still we wish you to try to effect a Sale of it at the most favourable price you can even if you are obliged to go as low as 75 Cents p.r Gl we prefer its being disposed of than risk it through the warm season — altho we can but hope you will be able to do better

We are &c

To Isaac Hicks 7 mo 22. 1799

Thy two favours of 6 mo 30 & 7 2.d mit are before us — the latter Indorsd on acct of Ship Lydia's Disburbents, which is all right except a Commission thereon which thou gave over AB reason to expect would not be charg'd altho customary; for reasons thou then mentiond it would be satisfactory to omit it —

T Howland acknowledges $1000 of the Insurance order'd upon Ship Franklin by H Dean to be on his & some of his connections account for which he says he will be accountable to them, I proposes writing them on the subject — the remaining $800 we suppose was in part or all on his own account, its probable for the his brother Wm would be free to be accountable for the premium hereon, Henry being now at Salem Hath

acct. mention him to be much recovered of his illness Acct have been received by the Diana Swain 5 mo from the Pacific ocean with 100 Tons Sperm. of the Franklin 6 p mo out all well 1150 B.s Sperm, also acct from most of the fleet in those seas which support those will receive before this come to hand. Inclosed we hand thee thy acct reversed balance at settlement in thy favour $1976.46 which compares with thine except $200 R Hallowell note which will appear to thy Cr when received. The extreme reduced state of the Oil Market We apprehend is all that prevents his taking it up having much of that Article now on hand. The demand for which will probably increase as Autumn advances.

There appears a difference of 20/ your Currt in the balance of acct settled on our books 2mo 2. 98 which makes a balance due thee 53.82 we afterwards charge thy acct with inv.s of Sales 30 Boxes Candles dated 2mo 3. 428.4 which those Credits prior to settlement 4mo 3 makes the balance differ 2.51 or thereabouts shall be glad thou would examine if we are not right please note it to us. At this a considerable balance now appears to be due thee by acct those will observe the Premiums that fall due seven or eight months hence being deducted leaves 3 or 400 Dollars due us — if Ingrahams note & T. Mayhew acceptance are paid timely to meet the Premiums on Lydia V Barclay effected last Winter, & also the sales rendered, which appear all to be due timely for that purpose (next month) leaving enough in thy hands at the time T Hazard Bill of Exchange $ 2044.44 fall due 6mo 11 to meet its payment, all of which our AB made due calculation upon, when with you. We have charg.d thy acct with the Prem.m on $4000 Insurance effected on L Lydia for acct of J R which was included in thy note to the Insurance Company of 5mo 13 for 802.75 which we afterwards paid 401.37 on acct Thee of by a Check procured from Jno

I endorsed on said note — T H^y informs us he shall request thy placing to our C^r the $1000 he rec^d in New York when there I paid to thee, which was on our account & the same please to receive subject to our Order —

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7 mo 26 1799

To Moses Swan

Inclosed we hand thee Seth Reeve & G Channing dated 22^d inst at Two Four & Six Months for $6978 Dollars each — which we request thy having accepted & when due, receive the same and place to our C^r — thy acknowlegement of the receipt hereof will much oblige thy very respectful Friend —

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7 mo 26 99

To Eb Sears

Thy obliging favours of May 31 & 9 Inst are safe at hand the former acknowleging rec^t of ours inclosing Debenture Certificate for Canvas, which was to have been return'd, but it has not yet come to hand — altho thou had a large supply of Russia Duck on hand, yet having none of so good a quality as ours, we are induced to send thee 30 P^s of same Quality of the last Shipment made by us from advanced price of this article in Russia, we hope thou will find a ready sale for the present, not doubting thy apiduity to serve our Interest, we do not limit the price, but leave it to thy judgement, we shall be glad for it to bring a higher price than the ~~[illegible]~~ last —

Annexed thou has Invoice of the Duck & 40 Boxes Sperm Candles, which we are flatter'd from thy acc^t with a hope of their ready apiedy sale at 53 or 55 Cents, the Case &c now being open for our Commerce, we hope it will cause your market to have an increasing demand for this Article, the Case was, while our

intercourse remaind uninterrupted a place of very large Consumption of Candles — Plear to keep us advisd of the state of your Market, as its probable we shall be able to keep a constant supply of Candles & Duck in thy hands Hopy of Delanos Policy came safe to hand — We are &c

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8 mo 2. 1799

To Joseph Hupsey

Thine 26th June to which are anexd Sales of 50 Boxes Candles are duly at hand, several engag--ments has prevented an early examination thereof when we observe them to differ from our Invoice sent 95 ℔ your Sales bring 1498 3/4 ℔ & ours only 1403 3/4 ℔ — the foots of each of the additions in thy Sales varying from the true amount we conclude they must have been copied from some other sales — plear have them reexamined & if erroneous ratifyd — informing us of the Nos to be Debited thy amount —

To Isaac Hicks in 8 mo 3 99 We are &c

addition to a foregoing one

Should be glad thou would send us 1/2 Ream large paper such as thou makes use of for L Writing & 1/2 Do better Cut edges to convenently to be obtaind — Since writing the foregoing Capt Tabor has returned bring us Thine of 23 & 22 Ult & 6 B Lead Pots if thou can procure us the 4 of a large Size we shall be glad please get them round instead of 3 Square —

Our communications having been made of late thro the medium of J B & Bro has merely occurd as it were accidentally & without thought of Shew any disrespect however what culpability there is attached to us it is only due to our A B & not to the Co — We have mentiond in the fore part of this letter our expectation the W D would be accountable to the for his brothers premium on Ship Franklin but by his writing to the he expected us to recieve to recieve it to our Acct

282 & an enquiry we are apprehensive he has more insurance made than property in that Ship calculating $800 for his own and as it may be necessary to strike off or to cancel part of the policy will write thee again on the subject as soon as we can hear from W Dean — The arrangement respecting J L & Co is satisfactory Please Cr our Acc with $5.91 a small bill of expence on Sh Rose at Stan Ps for J B —

Sh Delano has given us liberty to request thee to place to our Cr $700 as soon thou art in funds for his Acc & has or will write thee by the present conveyance he wants have given us an Order to have rec it but as his Brig had not yet arrived he declined please inform us thereof when rec —

To Thaddeus Mayhew Bro No 3 99 & 2d

Thy two favors of 3 & 22 are at hand & are sorry thou hast not been able to effect a Sale of the Sp Oil we regret the more as it still continues to decline but doubt not thou used to dispose of it — Since the opening of the Cape we hope thou has been able to compleat the Sale of what candles remained in our hands of Dearas & ourselves

The $200 rec from W & Yardly we will Dr thy Acc for suppose it to be Acc of oil Sales —

We are sorry thou art disappointed in not receiving in not rec payment for the Sheetings agreeable to contract but hope thou hast not been in advance for us as it was not our intention for thee to be — when our Ords were given to J & L indeed we had rather he would postpone rec it untill thou art in cash — Please keep us advised of the State of your market for Candles Oil &c —

We are looking for a Ship from the Baltic the fore part of next Month —

We are &c

Geo Folger Nbedford 8. mo 3 1799

Inclosed we hand thee a Bill Nathan Long on Geo Freeborn for $80 which please to present for acceptance & at maturity place the same to our Cr — After the rect of which we shall be obliged by thy entering it on our books (which we think is at the Bank) & deliver it to J Barker — Ware

P Roe Dalton 8 mo 6.

Inclosed we hand thee D Stocums bill dated Norfolk July 12. 10 days S/ A Leach for £211.18.7 which thou will please have accepted & placed to our Cr at the Bank We are &c

8 mo 6. 1799

To Peter Roe Dalton
Duplicate see above

Inclosed whan thee Dunbar Hacon Bill dated Norfolk 12 July 10 days sight Andrew Leach for £211.18.7 which thou will please have accepted & at maturity plaid to our Cr in the Bank — We are &c —

8 mo 10 99

To James Andrews

Thy favour 26 Ult is duly at hand, covering Sales of two Parcels Candles amo $1899.8 to thy Debit — we are pleased in noticing the increased demand for this article & hope it will continue for some time to come — if thow can curtail the extream length of Credit without retarding the progress of Sale we shall be glad — the propriety of such an alteration we submit to thy judgment — Annexed we hand the Invoice of 50 Box Spurm Candles which we hope will find a ready a demand as the last Shipment — If we should occasion to draw on thee for $1500 or 2000 will it be convenient to accept — We are &c

To Jon Hartley

8 mo 4. 99

Thy favour of yesterday date inclosg $104 ~~Dollrs~~ for which our Check we now inclose to the same amo.

To Thaddeus Hayhow

8 mo 14. 1799

Thy favour of 10th inst is duly to hand & notice the Contents, we are sorry to observe only 31 Boxes Sperm Candles disposd of — we however hope thou will continue to endeavour to effect sales of both this articles & Sperm &c which we trust, from thy care is sufficient as small leakage as it would in any hand at this period.

We will forward another Invoice of Candles, soon if a prospect of a market for them appears — We are &

To Isaac Hicks

8 mo 14. 1799

Thy several favours of 1st 6th 9th & 10th inst are now before us & Contents noticd also thine of the 8th Inst to our A B was duly recvd — The four Copper Bolts & Franklin came duly to hand amo. of Bill $30.98 to thy Credit. The Stuff of which they were composed may be good, but the workmanship was very bad, being the worst & roughest drawn of any we had ever before seen of Copper, if not of Iron as far as they were sound we have made them answer our purpose — The $500 Insurance Orderd effected on the Barclay, we think it is probable to be for account of the mate (A Myer) he now being at nantucket we shall endeavour shortly to Ascertain & give the information — Should st thou close our Acct shortly we shall be pleased with a Copy being transmitted us — The 5.91 will appear to J B C. on our A Bs Books as requested — The Paper is also recvd amo. $7.50 to thy Cr. & appears good —

the large Round black Lead Pots. we hope thou will be successful enough meet with. I shall be very glad to receive them by return of Packet — We wish thee to send us 25 Bls of good Pork there were 15 or 20 Bls of avery excellent Quality. nearly as good as mess which was under same embarrassment, that prevented my purchasing it when in N York, perhaps it is now to be had of which E Prior can inform thee if is to be had on as good terms as other should prefer it. if answerable in quality to representation —

We have drawn on thee in favour J Mayhew for $700 under date five days sight & this day have given J Swift an order on thee for $40 — both of which thou will please to honour & place to our account — The Quantity of Damaged Duck is unexpected to us, but wish thee to do the best thou can with it — We regret at hearing the numerous failures in your City, but as yet, we have been fortunate enough escape being on the list of sufferers our MR is still absent in Company with R Mott now about Nashalborough. as far East as we expect they will go — our last dates from them was at Portland 4th Instant — also 25 Bls best Middling. we are &c —

To Francis Mayo

3 mo 20. 1799

Thy favour of 16th inst was duly received by Packet this day indosing Fish & Shepherds Note for $312.50 which has been duly honoured and we herein forward the amt agreable to List annexed — We are &c

Nantucket Bank $307 Bk of R Island $5 our Check Balance $700

8mo 28. 1799

To Isaac Hicks

Thy favour of Fame was duly recd covering Invoice of Flour. Pork & Lead Potes all of which are to satisfaction, as far as has been discoverd — shall request T Mayhew to settle the drafts, agreeable to thy request — The Minerva Capt. arrived a few days since fm St. Petersburg, with Hemp Duck Iron & Sheetings, please say if thou can encourage from a prospect of demand, a shipment of any of these artiles to your City at this time also what Prices they were last sold at or will command our Russia Duck is of the same good fabrick as last year

I hope thy watchful and prudent care will not suffer J B to expose himself to danger of taking the Yellow fever, your City being again likely to be sorrowfully visited for the welfare & preservation of many of its Citizens our AB fail solicitous & with them he sympathize in this trying season — his love affectionately to thy wife with whom please share largly thyself I remain &c

I hear J Mark H: are in the last of recent failures they are on the Eliza, Kempton, $500 of whom we have no accounts the said 12mo 20. 1798 if any thing can be saved, as we are very apprehensive she is lost should be glad thou would do it —

To T Mayhew

8mo 28. 1799

We wrote thee by last Packet since which we are without any of thy favours — if on the rect of this your City appears likely to be again sorely visited by the yellow fever we would advise thy shipping us by the Packet what Sperm Oil thou has of ours remaining unsold, for should the City deserted & not that attention which is so necessary to be paid to this artile in warm weather afforded, we fear very great leakage must be

the consequence – that it will be best for us to have it returnd unless a prospect of an immediate disposal likely to take place – Please inform us what sum thou art like to pass to our C^t by H Dean – We shall be glad if thou can accommodate to take up the drafts in favr Isaac Hicks – as we suppose he is much in want of money at this alarming time in your City from the difficulty experienced in collations – if thou art not like to be in Cash for our account of H D's balance thou may cancel it by a draft on us – altho we this we hope the abscates are returnd & paid their deficiences – We have a barge of Russia Duck, Ras Ru Sheetings & Kemp just in, if any demand & thou canst encourage a shipment of either of those articles please note to us – please say what prices they command with you the Ru Duck is of the 1st Quality – Sam &c

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To Elisha Sigourney & Sons 9 mo 3 1799

Your esteemed favour of 30 ult^o is duly at hand, with Sales of 50 Boxes Sperm Candles annº will be placed to your Debit – above we hand you Invoice of 50 Boxes more which we hope will meet a ready market – We are &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton 9 mo 9. 1799

We find by our W Bs return he has overdrawn on the Bank about $43.87 more than was to our Credit Discovering it after he arrived in Boston, sent several times to the Bank, during his short stay in Town, to deposit enough to meet the surplus drawn, the bank being shut prevented his doing it – we now inclose J Rodmans Check on Union Bank for $43.87 which we hope will cancel the same, & beg your excuse for this unintentional deviation –

We are &

9 mo 10. 99

D. William Miller Esq

We were this day closing our account respecting the Oil when we received thy favour of the 3 inclosing a statement, exactly conforming to our books, we have therefore signed it and added thereto our account Current, wherein we have charged 2005 Gallons yet remaining in store for thy future Order, by Benj. Lincolns request we paid the freight of the Oil to the 4 Eastern Lights, for which we have no Voucher having sent him the bill Lading by his request, which contained the receipts from the several keepers. The balance as p account thou will find remaining due is $7566.57/100 which we shall be glad to receive a Treasury Draft for upon the Bank in Boston. The expences thou will find of pumping Trucking & Wharfage (which are always the business of the purchaser) we hope will meet thy approbation, altho it was not mentd in our proposition, having then in expectation, some person would have receivd it here of us whose business it would then have been to have done that at the expence of the Government. As we have not till lately been in want of the money & our engagements have been many with several months absence of one of our partners, we hope thou will excuse our neglect in not sending forward our account more early. We are &

To Leonard & Crocker

9 Mo 14, 1799

We have this evining compleated your Capt Jones cargo of Iron amounting to 1073 bars agreable to bill anexed — Inclosed is also your note dated 11 mo 7, 1798 with a statement of the payments having a balance due to us of $375 which if you find free from error please remit to us if convenient — (Memorandum book page 41) We are

To William Burroughs 9mo 17. 1799

We have paid onboard G Delano's Vessell a bundle of Iron hoops & one piece Ru Duck for J. Austen Jr. of Tillecomplon, which we shall be obliged by thy receiving & delivg to him when calld for with the inclosd letter —

We have also shipd by same conveyance 25 Boxes Candles & Invoice which please to dispose of on the best terms for our account — bearing. by William Allen thou was clear of this Article —

If thou can find a market for Ru Duck of the 1st Quality Ra Duck or Ru Shetings we shall be able to furnish the with a supply — We are &

9 Mo 17. 1799

Peter Roe Dalton

Inclosed we hand thee W R & Sons check on Union Bank for $2000 which please to receive and place to our Credit —

We are thy respectfull friends
W R & C

Daniel Whitney 9 mo 18. 99

By the packet we have shipd 2 Tons of Hemp for thy Acc — For the Acc of the we shall be obliged by thy handing a note to the Cashier of the Bank to be placed to our Cr at maturity — We are &

G Folger Jr 9mo 18. 99

We have requested D Whitney to lodge in the bank ~~$500~~ his note for $500 payable 6 mo from date — which thou will please rec & place to our Cr

Inclosed we hand thee & order for $300 on Hoffman & which please place to our Cr —

We are &

9 mo 19. 1799

To James Andrews

Thine of 13th is duly before us the absence of one of our Partners at the receipt of thy letter, prevented a more early reply. We have about 100 Tons of Whale Oil on hand, which it has been our intention to Ship to Europe, & as we shall be less likely to find a conveyance should we dispose of a part of it, should prefer not making a partial sale, but if the person would take the whole quantity we will put it at $80 ₱ Ton dlvd here payable at 4 & 6 months as thou mentions, if to safe hands. The quantity of whale Oil expected this fall is very small, & that on hand very trifling. $20 ₱ Capt. Barney will be to the Cr. of thy account. We are &c

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Robert & John Bolton 9 mo 26, 1799

Altho we have not the pleasure of an aquaintance with your house we take the liberty of requesting your attention to a little troublesome buisness. and the acct we get of the standing of the person is the only cause of our thus troubling thee. Last year we furnished D Brownell of this place with goods to the amt ~~$122.72~~ $326.89 & Cash we pd for his acc to the amt of $172.72 some time before as ₱ his notes here inclosed which ought to have been ₱ some time since. He now resides in your place and are sorry to learn conducts very poorly that we are doubtfull of his return here soon, at least will run thro his estate first we therefore request you would endeavour to collect the same with Interest thereon for our acc. We also inclose D Bs note to Henry Dean who likewise furnished him

with goods when going for here you with you will also be kind enough to collect this note & remit the whole to us either in a good bill on Newport or Boston or U S Bank notes cutting them & sending them by seperate mails - some of the northern brans will best accommodate us if to be met with you will please deduct enough therefrom to compensate for your trouble & all expences remitting us the balance — Any services we can render you we shall be pleased to do it commands us freely — We are &c

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To Richard Blow 9 mo 26. 1799

Thy obliging favour, in reply to ours from N York, we duly received & should have long since answer'd it, but could not determine whether to send the Ship, which was then nearly ready for Sea or not, We now intend of loading of her here for London, & have Contracted for the Sloop Lucy Capt Dillingham to go to Norfolk & bring a load of Hhd & Bl Staves, which we wish thou would procure & Ship by said Vessell & dispatch her as soon as may be, please to procure those of a good Quality —

Annexed we hand thee Invoice of 50 pc Ru Duck of a very excellent Quality which we hope will find a Sale timely to meet the payment of the Staves, should it not be likely to meet ready Market, thou will please to draw on J Anthony & Co Philadelphia for the amount thereof — The Ship Minerva Capt Bright will be ready to sail next week we propose sending her to Norfolk to take a freight, having heard Ship were in demand & 6 Guer ₩ Hhd for Tobacco had been obtaind, induced us to hasten her depr She is near 200 Tons Carries very well & having no lower Deck between her Main & fore Mast we think she will stow tobacco to advantage

29 Hope be able to
Thou will fix the ~~advantage~~ average of the Hhds ~~at~~ not more
than 12 Cwt or engage a quantity sufficient to load her of small size
Staves she will likewise be in want of We should prefer Liverpool
or some other port to London on acct of the extravegant charges that
attends going to London — thy early advice of the demand & of the
the price of Freights on recpt of this will oblige thy very respectfull frd
&c

James Barker 9 mo 27. 1799

We expect to want 50 or 100
Tn oil with proportion of H matter if to be
purchased at £30 @ £60 — and if thou procures
it shall be willing to give thee 7/ Cwt & if
that should not be equal compensation shall
leave thee at liberty to charge a whole Cwt
& suppose we shall be in a situation to
pay for it in the course of 90 days & as much
sooner as it may be in our power we
shall wish to do it & as fast as we can negociate
our money — Please to find with caution
the probability of procuring that quantity
& let us know as soon as thou can, we
hope you are in the habit of having it
gauged by Gunter, as the oil brought here
mostly falls short in the gauge —
We are &c

Benn Rotch 9 mo 30. 99
Duplicate via Boston

Thy several numbers 6 & 7
have duly reach'd me, & am pleased to find Capt Swain
had safely arrived, but am very sorry for the
disadvantages her cargo are subjected to — The observations
thou made in thine & Turner, that should
the L arrive at Dublin thou should meet
her there & hoped to get her in under some
advantages (d) is to conclude there

was a good prospect of thy succeeding & that to have it unequivocally thine, would facilitate its success we chose rather to place it as we did, than to reserve to ourselves the benefits thou so kindly offers, of course I think the benefit properly thine & am pleased the prospect has so brightened as to preclude the fear of a loss

Thou may think we have been very tardy in not proceeding upon thy plan more hastily, but the ships having been long detained & not more than half a Cargo on hand, and that arriving under the expectation of £50 or £60 it was impossible to obtain it even at thy limits, we therefore chose to keep it more quite quiet, the event has equal'd our expectation, some recent arrivals last week & a little before reporting the Island fleet with very considerable additions / has reduced the price to 36 & 30 £m, and the present prospect is, with about 80 tons of our own & Barclay & 40 of S Rs & Diana we shall be able to make up the Anns Cargo at very little above $100 & we are now in Treaty for the whole which until last week there was not that quantity in the Country - in the course of this week I expect we shall arrange the whole business, as it was in our power to do better with our own & S R with his we have believed thou would think us justified in takeing advantage of thy limits as we cannot to this day command the 300 — many ships with good fares are are yet out, we shall stop there & stop there & see the movements of things & we see no danger of being interfered with and then if we think it best to buy another ship shall go on — We are glad thou agrees with our plan for the Lydia & shall not

294 be displeased in finding a Super Cargo is sent as we were not so well satisfied with — before he sailed as when we wrote, I had felt a partiality for him for his having on our giving him a Vessel the first time he was promoted conduced to our satisfaction —

We feel much obliged by our Mr T D & Co being willing to advance for her funds we shall not require it longer than to load the Ann as we shall not draw on thy Acc[t] untill we advance the Amt of that sum — Bills still continue 10 & 11 Dis B. Hazard has sold in Boston a 10 00 dys C[t] the best he could do —

As several of the articles thou orders are subject to a large drawback we shall omit them by the ann as we cant bring them to this port & export them under benifit of the drawback & if we purchase another ship abroad we can then take them with that advantage — P Coleman we expect to command the ann — H-d is still demanded a $200 & we expect will go through the season

The Barclay Br[k] ab[t] 150 Ts of oil 50 of it Wh & 21,000 Seal Skins which we sold for the Canton market a $1 she is now fitting again for Skins only & to go to Canton G Barney goes in her — The Bedford J Barney & Wharham & Clark arrived last week the former 1000 Bs Wh 200 W the latter 1200 Bs 100 W Clark heard of his brother Obed round the Cape & spoke an B Barke with Gaspole who informs has arrived by Gs Acc[t] I fear B Baxter was lost in a hurricane off California — I wish thou had given us the value of W Bone as we have ab[t] 20000[#] on hand perhaps we may ship it in the ann if any thing is wanted to fill her up but we have ordered stores enough if they arrive in season

Yours &c

Your fav of 17th Ult to our Mr we rec by this evenings Mail Several Ships are now here, intending for some southern port (perhaps Norfolk) for frgts, We have applied to the owners who expecting to obtain £6 ₱ Hhd are unwilling to contract for Staves and as their expectations are thus high we do not apprehend a possibility of obtaining any ship at your limits — We should have been glad to have served you herein & shall at all times hold ourselves ready to render you any service in our power

We are &c

John Brightman 10 mo 1. 1799

Thou being master of our Ship Minerva we recommend thy proceeding to Norfolk in Virginia, and there apply to our friend Richard Blow, to whom we have written to procure a frt for such part of Europe as may appear best, it will be much our choice for the ship to go to some port in England or Ireland where Staves will be in demand, as we wish if she goes to either of those ~~places~~ Countries to have as many Mh Oak Hhd & Bl staved as possible Liverpool we should prefer to any other port as in that case we should order the frt out in the Ship in Sale & Crates

We recommend thy utmost attention in dispatch and also in being very frugal in all the Ships expences & we carefull

296 in case any accident should happen to be regular in thy protests & having all the Acc^ts properly made out to satisfy the underwriters — Should thou go to London apply to Thomas Dickason & Co^y if to Liverpool to Rathborn Hodges & Duncan to whom the Ship will be consigned — and always write us by every opportunity & as early from Norfolk as thou arrives & also as soon as the place as thy destination is fix^d. that we may know where to write to thee and give thee such further ~~information~~ instructions as we may find necessary

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John Ritchie London 15 99

sent by Capⁿ Hart to Boston

Thy fav of 12 we rec^d this evening & have just time to inclose thee bills on T & Co^y for £2000 at 60 days, at the great sacrifice of 9 P^Ct for which thou will please place to our C^r in the B Bank the Amo^t of one half & inclose us thy note a 60 days on Interest for the other we were in hopes thou would have done better but it being all we wished to draw at this time we have concluded to send them hoping should we sell hereafter thou will be willing to give us a better price — We are &c

Please forward the inclosed with the first bill copies we shall send you by next post which request may accompany the other

Peter Roe Dalton

Inclosed we hand the a check from Bank of United States to cashier of the office of Discount & Deposit Boston dated 23 ult^o for $3000 endorsed by W^m & Sons which sum please to place to our C^r

We are &c

To T Dickason & C^o 10 mo 3. 1799

Since ours of 6 mo 26 advising of having drawn £150 Stg on Jas J Dean we have since drawn on you for £220 in favr J Thurston 19^d ult^o which you will please to honour when it appears — Inclos'd we hand you T W J. Bill on you for £^v 50 at 30 days sight which please to pass to our C^r — We are &c

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10 mo 4 1799

To Richard Bloxo

We wrote thee a few days since by Sloop Lucy Cap^n Dillingham who has gone to Norfolk for a load of Staves for us we hope thou will be able to procure them & get her away soon as our Ship here will be in want of them

This goes by the Minerva Cap^t Brightman who we hope thou will be ready to procure a freight for & from the last account we doubt not an advantageous one will be obtaind 6 to 7 Guineas we hear has been given for Tobacco a freight to some part where staves answer to afford a freight we should much prefer, to any other in England or Ireland we think less expence attends than London if to Liverpoole it would be as agreeable to us a load of Salt but will be the object not expecting to be able to obtain a freight this way — if the Ships destination is where the Staves will answer we wish as many to be stowed amongst the goods as possible —

Should freights not be brisk & a good one likely to be obtained & thou can procure a Cargo of good staves thou has our liberty to purchase & load her for our account addressing her to our ~~Frds~~ Rathbon Mears & Duncan Liverpool - but we prefer her obtaining freight & loading on our own acct - thou will please to give us the earliest advice possible after the place of destenation for the Ship is fixed that we may give the Capt such further instructions as is necessary - we doubt not thou will consult our interests in fixing the freight destination &c - We have shipped by the Minerva 50 ps of Ru duck which we hope thou will be able to sell to ~~meet~~ meet the payment of her disbursements, but should it not find a market we must request thy drawing on J A & Co Phila. therefor - Its superior quality we think will facilitate the Sale it had last year the preference both in Nyrk & Baltimore to most if not any at market - & commanded in the former place $20 - but leave it to thy judgement to do the best thou can for our Interest - we have shipped ~~the~~ 50 ps of same quality by Capt Dillingham -

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Estes Newell

10mo 4 99

We have shipped the by Capt Haviland two bales Ru Sheeting which we believe contain 50 ps when thou opens them please count them Capt Haviland is to retain his Some respects for Lynn Our Mr Rs spoke to the on the subject when he was in Lynn Thou will please dispose of them on the best terms thou can for our Acct & hope they will command a ready sale Please write us the Market of Sale and

if Mon can encourage another shipment
We are &c

Josph Anthony & Co 10 Mo 5. 1799

Your esteemed favr of 5 May 17 & 25 were duly rec with Acct Sales 10 Co Sp Oil annexed to the former which were placed to the Dr of your Acct yours p Ry Manning we also rec'd & had that gentleman stood in need of any assistance in our power to have rendered we should very cheerfully have done it — Since which we are without any of your esteemed favrs — We have sent a Vessel to Norfolk for a load of Staves shd our frd R Blow of that place not find a market for some Rus Goods we have requested him to value on your house for the amt of them perhaps $6 or $900 we likewise have a ship just on the point of departure for that place should he have occasion to draw on your house for Acct of disbursments we should be much obliged by your honouring his Dfts when they appear both for the Staves & Ships disbursments & if you are not in Cash to that amt we will immeaditly re=imburse you — We lament the melancholly cause of so general an emigration from your devoted City, we hope ere long the much wanted health will be the happy experience of its afflicted Citizens — When business again revives we hope your market will encourage our making a Shipment of Candles & Oil also if Rusia goods are likely to be demanded

We are &c

10 mo 4 1799

To J & J Dorr

By last post we received your letter of 30th Ult. requesting our opinion of the Charaster of Cop G Barny & Elijah Stoddard, which we very chearfully attend to — Cop Barney has been constantly in our busineſs since the fall of 94 and we have ever found him a man of the utmost confidence, uprightneſs and integrety in all our concerns. & have never heard any other Charater of him — E Stoddard we never knew until he engaged in a voyage to the South Seas in the Ship Barclay about two years since and returd last Summer so far as respected the trust we reposed in him he executed it with fidility and to our satisfaction and we know nothing to the dis advantage of his Character as a man of truth & integrity —

We are &

To W Miller Esq^r

9 mo 28. 1799

By returned favour of 18th we duly received and are sorry for the informality of the account we have now made it conformable to thy direction, omitting the Charge objected to, yet may asure the it is allways the busineſs of the purchaser to pump it off and secure the bungs, as the seller has done his duty when it is full, but the safety of its transportation requires some to taken out, and we suppose the reason of its being a charge unknown in thy office, is that the common mode of leaving the Corks short filld one or two quarts in each, has been generally practiced. the meathod we do apt both in buying and selling is to know its quite full at delivery, by which means the government is benefited perhaps five times the Charge we made, from the usuall practice —

We are &

This for 28 £1 were duly rec^d
the 8 Bd of twine & Canvas safe to hand
has been shewn to the Co of thy Acc^t, we shall
be glad than would send us 4 more —
we want some Cordage having
contracted for more than expect we can
make on our walk if than can get some
for FJ we shall be glad to have it almost
every size we can accomodate to receive —
Hunts is now much reduced in price to
what it was when we supplied him that
he can well afford to pay in Cordage & is
ungenerous to keep us thus long out of our money
we want the Cordage but Cash would be our choice
we have increased oil & the matter a $100 & $200
have just made a pretty large pur^e that
that we shall not be willing to expend our Limits
& indeed we can see no market to this it to
that will warrant going higher — we may
perhaps need 20 or 30 £ more to compleat the q^ty
to that and we wish thee to purchase
as occasion offers a $100 & $200 than will please
have none that is brown or dark coloured any
the purchases as that will not answer & we do
not with to purchase oil without a proportion
of Bd dont be so particular respecting the q^ty of Bd
& it must all be boild or retryed before it is fit to
receive both oil & Bd to be guaged by Gunter —
If than makes any purchases the Bd may be
stored in one of WR & Cellars untill we want it
& perhaps we may exchange the bil with some
here & save transportation & if than should obtain
any we shall endeavour to provide funds
timely to meet its payment please inform
us or keep us advised how than goes on by
packet often —

302 Inclosed is S R check for $1000 to buy for acct & Co an examining our store of rice we find it much short of our calculation & shall not be able to ~~[illegible]~~ supply the P— if thee can get it at Nan' with thee to do it

Thee &c

To Boot & Pratt Nov 7. 1799

Notwithstanding the great loss upon Exchange we expect to dispose of a few thousand pounds in a short time & if you are in want shall be pleased to hear the terms you will give — we prefer drawing at 60 days provided no more difference is made than the interest of money your reply will much oblig yours &c

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To John Ritchie Nov 9. 1799

Should thou be in want of a thousand or two pounds ~~Stg~~ Exchange on London at 60 days sight we shall be obliged by thy informing us at what discount thou will take of us — We are &c

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Charles Jachson Nov 7. 1799

Thy favour of Aug 6 came duly to hand in my absence for several weeks from home & the power of attorney having in that time been mislaid, my hurry of business prevented my attention to look it untill this day & on looking over it I do not myself authorized to substitute any other I therefore send it to thee and when the sum is agreed upon & thou will inclose me a discharge that will be satisfactory to the Adm' I will sign & return to thee

I note thy observations respecting the Interest 270 3
and all his justly due considering the delay that
will occur & the indigent situation of the Widow
I think it may be best for H^r to compromise
in such way as thou thinks best short thereof
I should be glad the Adm would allow enough
to pay the expenses the widow will ~~obta~~ be at
in obtaining justice such as the power of
attorney postage, thy own fee &c as to my
own trouble I shall charge her nothing for
it but if any thing by way of compromise can
be made a Commission of 5 p C^t may be taken
into view as it will still help her — I wish
therefore thy early attention to have the business
speedily settled as our house are now ne-
-gociating exchange on London I can easily
send the balance & Bills are now much in
her favr

I am &c

Ben^n Rotch
Duplicate via Boston

Dartmo 9 . 1799

Our W^m wrote thee a few
days since when the Probability appeared in favr
of our procuring a Cargo for the Ann our expectations
are since realised, & we have just concluded a
Contract which if it turns out from two thirds
as expected will make up with what we have
already purchased 300 Tons we have thereupon
engaged P Coleman to pitch up his officers
& be in readiness to begin loading next week
We have not had an insurance made ogs^t
fire as the oil is in so many different places
it is not all exposed should any such accident
attend it — we shall speedily have the Insurance
effected at & from this port which will secure

304 it as soon as it is put on bd Ship —
We have succeeded in obtaining a $100 with
a Canr on about 75 Tons & taking Sam & ours
about $120 Tons at thy limits suppas'd it fully
worth that to us if we kept it out of thy
purchase — We wish on the rect of this thou
would request Dickason & Co to transfer the
balance we owe them, to thy Dr as we
have already advanced in thy purchase much
more than we owe them including what
we suppose to the Lydias Disbursments &
Cargo will be if she has pursued the plan
thou accorded with us in — Brother
R— will on thy arr soon have $12.000 ready
for thee which will go into the present
Cargo — We hope by the first arrival we
shall know how much to calculate for our
balance due to Dickason, & for the remainder
of the Anns Cargo, we shall draw on Dickn
we shall do the best we can in the sale
of exchange but fear we shall not do better
at 50 dys than 10 Dis — But as the prospect
is so good for thee we shall do it with
less regret than if it was making thee a
loss — We shall proceed with great caution
& as the — cannes in secure, what further we can
& follow thy advice for another conveyance
which we have already in Silent contemplation
& hope to make thee up at least 200 more
with proper prudence but it is not yet arrived
daily expected — Shine of 6 mo 22 came to h
yesterday by Hope in the second article will
not be under $200 that more will be procured

for thes passage as thou will find the advantage in being fill'd with — will much more then compensate the difference —

The Spirits & Sopap shall send with boats &c

We are &c

Thos Dickason & Co
duplicate via Boston

London 7 mo 1799

Since we wrote you p the Lydia we have twice advised of 2 dfts on Acct of the £400 remitted in our name by Capt Deland one to J Deane Esq for £150 & one to J Weston for £220 the last advised under date 10 mo 3 also covered a bill on yourselves for S H J for £750 D° of which also hand you at this time —

In the course of the summer we have been obliged by your several favs 14 Ma 5 Ap 11 & 30 May 4 & 10 June 16 July covering sales & our unfortunate shipments & Acct & inforing of your honouring our ~~verbal~~ Simond dfts & those of our Petersburg Frd for all which we feel ourselves particularly obliged and also note that all the remittances we expected have met with honour we hope you have chd the Interest on Mitchels dft for the time you were in advance for us until you were refunded for Sales of ~~your~~ their Acct as we pd them for it before we had it and for their honour inclined it to say — We entertain no doubt of your having done the best possable for our Interest with the Acct & we had reconciled our mind to an early information of a great loss we shall in future Carefully avoid shiping any but upon 1st Bottoms but our discouragements almost amount to an annihilation of the fishery 1st Acct sells here only $100, Capt Gardner arrived in safety & by his Cargo in good order but to a very bad market, our country being full of R Goods & coming out very high discourages us for the present from making any arrangement for

306 a Cargo next year Gardners mate J Bury has recently Sd in the Minerva for Norfolk to seek a frt for England if she goes to London we confide in your care, we are pleased to find by your & B R letters that the L arrived in safety the Cargo of Ail in that Ship will all go to the Cr of B R should he have determined upon going to Batavia he has informed us you have kindly assured him of your supporting our Cr for one half of her Cargo for which he assured of our warmest thanks — we are now in advance for him considerably more than we suppose we stand indebted to you in the purchase we have just made of a Cargo of Ail for the Ann who begins loading next week and we have requested him to have our balance transferd to his Acct and for the residue of the Cargo or rather a part thereof we shall draw upon you for his Acct by his direction this we shall ~~as~~ defer as late as we can in daily hopes of hearing the destination & Cargo of the Lydia We are &c

We also here inclose J Hawes bill on you drawn in our favr for £160 which you will please place to our Cr — The bill & that of S H were desigd to have been drawn at sight but accidently put at 30 days — 10 mo 15

To Benn Rotch
Duplicate & Triplicate sent via Boston

Last mail brt us Thy several favrs p Minerva Galen & Merchant by which we find the Lydia was near sailing of which we are pleased and will satisfied that Thou had the Insurance effected we stand ~~of~~ have done the same since our frs would be so much in

advance for us, our contracts now
averrun the Anas Cargo & we have been
applied to purchase the Cesars (formerly
Brothers) 1000 Bs just arrived being a certificate that
the Cargo subject to a duty we have offerd
$100 for one giveing them the benifit of
the Drawback & $200 for the other which
reserving the Drawback will bring it we
suppose within the limits of course if we
obtain'd it there is no doubt we should
soon make up 200 Sacks there is no proba-
bility of sending any other kind.

Our utmost attention shall be to dispatch
the Anna as we have this day had an
application for £2000 Stg a g Dis we have
drawn on T D & Co for the Am at 60 dys of which
which please inform as we cant write
them by this mail & the bills may chance
to go before the next — We are &c

P Roe Dalton

Jamaica 15 99

We are obliged by thy
acknowledging the rec't of the Check we sent
thee for $3000 — We expect J Ritchie will
deposit to our Cr this week $2044.44 of
which we shall esteem it an additional
favr to be informed — We expect also his
note for the like sum a 60 dys & at the
expiration of 30 dys we shall be glad to know
the probability of our having it discounted
if we should then want it thy advice
herein will much oblige us —

We are &c

308 David L. Barnes 10 Nov 14, 1799

Thy favr reachd me by last post too late to give thee a reply by this days mail — but while I sincerely deplore the continued depravity of my fellow citizens, in still violating the Laws against the Slave Trade I cannot willingly refrain tendering my services wherever it can be usefull to my fellow creatures or to the cause of our Gouvernment — altho I should be very reluctant in having my name used in a cause where a want of energy & Sincerity in the executive branch, should render the object contemplated abortive I am still willing if thou thinks any usefullness will be derived, that my name should be used — wholly relinquishing to the U States all claim to any sums that may be recovered on my being indemnified against Costs —

At the same time hope upon any recovery being made, the Secretary will refund to me the Cost that accrued upon the action against Brown, as our object in that action was certainly destitute of pecuniary motives & it was our fixed and sincere determination, never to be personally benefitted thereby in case of succes and we presume it was obvious to most judicious observers, that the failure therein ~~was~~ was wholly occasioned by the partiality of one of the officers of gouvernment —

I am &c —

To Thomas Dickason Ne 10mo 15. 99

Dup' sent

Confirming the foregoing du-
-plicate to our last we have now to acknowledge
the rec' of your obligeing fav of Aug 23 which inclosed
Sales of the Staves p Lydia a little cotton was also
ship'd by her which we hope was also disposed
of — we are well satisfied with the arrangements
for the Lydias voyage & are in hopes she sailed
shortly after your letter and are glad you
effected insurance upon the Ship & Carg —
We are still ~~advised~~ obliged by your friendly aid
in assisting our Credit therein & shall omit
drawing on B Robh's Acc' to the full amount
of what on our part we shall owe you, having
already advanced the money in the Cargo for
the Ann, which being all purchased she has
begun loading — we have by B R's direction
drawn this day upon you in fav J Ritchie
at 60 days St for £2000 which is all we expect to
draw upon the cargo for the Ann — what purchases
we hereafter make, we shall have further oc-
-casion to draw PS in our observations above respecting the balance
of our Acc we have not taken into view the Premium of Insurance on the Lydia supposing We are &c — that upon a long Credit

To Wm & G Dean 10mo 19. 99

Yours of yesterday is before us, we cannot on
120 Days Credit sell 50 Tons of whale Oil under $80 — here if
ordered will forward it as soon as we can procure Coasters to
take it round, which is not easy at this season, as most of our small
Vessels are preparing to go to the South ward we can with less ex-
-pence ship it to New York than Boston by our last advices it was
there $82.50 — that we have no doubt of its soon netting us $80 if
having kept it over the summer, we do not feel in such hast to sell
as we should if warm weather was approaching — We have no
money in Europe & have just remitted to pay a balance due in

England, nor do we know of any Exchange to be had here we should be glad to serve you in procureing the Exchange, but our Ship Owners, do not like to draw at so large a/s & we believe have ~~is~~ generally orders invertments ~ We are &c

should the Oil be ordered we shall want soon to be advised whether to be full hooped for shipping or not ~ that will be £2 ₰ Ton expence but we ship none without ~ We are &c

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Jeffin Barney 10mo 14. 1799

Thou being master of our Ship Barclay we recommend thy proceeding with all possable dispatch to the Falkland Isls Patagonia or some of the Islands in the Pacific Ocean where thy judgment & information may best lead thee & there procure what Seal Fur Skins thou can, most proper for the Canton Mkt And should thou find it necessary to go in upon the Spanish Coast of Peru or Chili for recruits we have obtained for thee a letter of recommendation from the Spanish Consul which we expect will enable thee to draw for what money thou may want for thy supplies upon our frd T D & Co Mer London who we shall request to honour thy Dfts & should thou fall short of our hopes & expectations of obtaing Fur Skins to the amt of 30 or 50,000 and thou can negociate in Peru bills on London we shall be willing thou should draw on our Bd frd to the amt of $20000 or less as the case may be The price of Dollars at par is considered 4/6 ₰ or 4444 44/100 for 1000 £ ₰ but considering that the exports from that Country is chiefly money, the great expence attending it & the present high rate

of Insurance the exchange in justice ought to be from 10 to 20 ℔Ct at least in fair money in England taking Dollars a 4/8 will be about 11 ℔Ct in our fair on this subject thou will gain the the best information in thy power & govern thyself accordingly, have the bills drawn at as long sight as thou can we should wish 6 mo^ths as after their appearance in London we could be informed in season to remit the money to meet them— dont draw at less than 4 mo after d^t perhaps they would chuse to draw at 12 mo after date — in that case thou could probaby reach home timely to make the remittance, or at least may convey information to us that we maybe advised of it in season to meet the bills with payment — thou must be particular to forward us letters advising of these d^ts as also every circumstance that will be interesting to us — after thou hast compleated the Skining next summer if thou hast been tolerable successfull we should prefer thy going on to Canton this fall 12 mo rather than spending another season as in this case thou may not an an^ of the monsoons be able to leave Canton short of 2 much years from this time but this we confide to thy judgment — on thy arrival at Canton we advise thy taking especial care to enquire care to enquire after some respectable merch^t in whom thou can confide thy business & we shall endeavour to find some one to recommend thee to & to meet thee there we have already had good recommendations of Ben^l Snow American Consul & Tho^s Thomson both of Providence & thou hast a letter from Sullivan Dorrs brothers that should thou not

find any of our letters to thee at Canton thou will doubtless find many American Captains & Supercargos who will give thee advise as to the prudent conduct of those already mentioned or some others & after making the best choice thou can thou must intrust the business in such a maner to whoever thou consigns the Cargo to as to have it done under thy own attention & advice & be very carefull to never leave any articles after purchased & seen but with one of thy own men till they are on board the Ship as we have heard that leaving them after they are packed in the Factory under your own keys is no safety against there being changed as its probable in the Sale of the Skins a better bargain can be made by exchanging them for the produce of China if you should be successfull in obtaining them make due calculation to take such part in valuable goods of small bulk as not to have the Ship overrun and to have room enough to lay out the money thou may obtain for Bills thou may draw if thou draws none and has nothing but the Skins to rely upon on our account we expect filling up with Bohea Teas & China — will be more profitable to the voyage than taking fo^t — we cannot be very particular with respect to the Cargo back, if we do not meet thee with advises at Canton upon this subject thou must take the best advises from the American Mer^ts there and govern the article as well as thou can — we advise thy taking especial care not to expose yourselves to any of the hostile Natives as proper caution in avoiding danger will be abundantly better than meeting it in a State of defence

and remember that as owners of the Ship we do not want our property defended at the risk or expence of life as to those on board whose lives would be in danger and are not principled against defence, we do not undertake to Controul them as we conceive we have no right but we hope those who with us are principled against it will not sacrifice the Testimony we have to bear against war for the preservation of Property — Should thou find an opportunity of purchasing skins at any of the Islands either for the seller to risk them to Canton & have what they fetch there or at whatever may be the price in this Country on the same Ship returning; and thou thinks an additional quantity will not injure our own market we shall have no objection to thy taking enough to amount here to 10 or up to 20,000 Dollars, but the payment must be fixed at as long a period as thou can or what will be more agreable ⅓ in 3 mo ⅓ in 4 or 5 & ⅓ in 6 mo after the bills come to hand or after sight, but for those who have the benefit of the Canton Market must be after the Barclays shall arrival here — but if thou gets 20,000 Dollars we shall not be fond of increasing our capital. & by no means unless it is at the price of half in Canton & they to risk them there — Wishing thee health & success we are thy friends & owners — William Rotch Junr & Co.

Ships Signals burgee at Thomas Rotch
the foretop Gallon Head

Should thou find it best to go on to Canton with the Skins thou may obtain we find for the Ships ~~are~~ Port Charges there we shall want to have on board $4000 to be admited to an entry & for the duties on the Cargo & other expences perhaps 10. or 12000 more, that should thou come to that conclusion thou must endeavor to procure the Dollars in South america by drafts on London in this this case we hereby authorize thee to draw on our acct. upon our Friends J D & C. London for 3 or 4000 £ 1 Usance &c

314 Charles Jackson 10 mo 25. 1799

I duly rec^d thy fa^r of 18 with a copy of A Hughes Acc^t with the estate of Tho^s S a rec^t for the balance due from the Marsh Administrator say £287.2.4 which rec^t I now inclose with my signature — I agree with thee in opinion it is best to recave the principle rather than delay it any longer

After deducting thy commission & Up^d please to forward me the amo^t in Bo^n Bills as soon as thou can as we have a ship to sail in a few weeks for England by which I wish to remit it — & have bills now to draw

I am &c

Wm & Geo Dean 10 mo 26. 1799

Yours steemed fa^r of yesterday we rec^d and are very glad to hear poor H is heard of as a state of anxiety on acc^t of his absence must be very trying yet we have no doubt he will be able to make his way on the road very well

We observe our terms for the Acc^t are accepted to we shall forward it as soon as possable a Vessel about 4 mi from us was offered since we last wrote on the 19th if we can get engag her she may be at Marbelhead next week as the Acc^t is ready to go on board — I am &c

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Wm Miller Esq^r 10 Mo 28. 1799

Since our last respects of 28 Ult^o we are fav^d with thy letters of 4 & 5 Ins^t and duly noting the contents have dl^d Col Pope 9857 lb^s of oil for light house at Gay head whose rec^t we shall inclose if his returns fm Boston will be in season for the present mail — And it being now 15 d^s sine we rec^d thy

Orders to ship the remaining oil to Wilmington and no conveyance offering we now inclose thee invoice & bill lading for the same say 38 Casks 1023 gls Shipd by Stop Fame Wm Saber for New York of which we advised J Sands agreable to thy request under date 25th Inst — We now inclose thee a rec for the $4000 rec of B Lincoln agreable to his request We shall send another to the Treasurer & hope agreable to information from the Comptroller we shall soon receive from him the balance stated to be due unto us — And we shall be further obliged by thy hasting the payment for the residue of the Oil together with the charges thereon p Inclosed Acct — We have omitted the charge of Storage for this quantity least it should be objected to as the direction from the Comptroller is to include "freight Wharfage &c agreable to contract" and it would be mortifying to us to make a charge that would be thought improper and we had rather omit it than have it ob=jected to — From the uncommon quantity of Oil now at Market we can purchase Head matter at a price that would enable us to furnish the Government at about 60 Cents per best winter prepd Oil per head Nett if we were now certain of the Contract, but we know of Orders for exportation of sufficient extent now executing to take off the surplus that a scarcity and rise we think must be the consequence next Spring Should thou feel thyself at liberty to make the contract at this time obt in the Spring & paid for then it is our real opinion that it will prove for the benifit of the Government as well as for ourselves We are &c

316 To Joshua Sands 10mo 25. 1799

By direction of Wm Miller we expect to Ship thee next week about 1000 Gls Sp oil to be reship'd to Wilmington N Carolina for the use of the Light House there and of which he requested thou might have previous notice to fine a Conveyance by the time of its arrival We are &c

Joshua Sands 10mo 30. 1799

The wrote thee p/ post under date 25 ~~Octr~~ Inst advising of our orders to ship the residue of the Gouvernment Oil left in our hands ain to thee to be reship'd to Wilmington NC for the use of the Light house there we have accordingly shipd it on board the Fame Capt Taber as p/ Inclosed bill Lading which thou will please to receive for that purpose

We are &c

Isaac Hicks @ Bedford 10mo 30. 1799

We rec'd thine p/ Taber and congratulate thee on the prospect of returning health to your afflicted City - We hope soon to hear from thee that business again revives we yet hold 70 or 80 Tons of Whale oil which we want a market for which if will net us $80 p/ Ton here at this price we have just sold 50 Tons for Marblehead at 120 Dys — Please inform us thy prospect as also of Sd Oil & Candles — We have lately purchased here and at Nantucket 2 or 300 tons. of Sd Oil and Sd Matter at $100 for Body and $200

for Hd as we suppose there is little demand for those articles with you if thou can purchase what has come in by the Maryland at those prices or under, well fill'd. we with thee to do it and at as good a C as thou canst obtain we shall like to draw on London at 00 Dys for it but apprehend as bills are looking up in Boston we may do better by selling there and re= =mitting to thee please inform the value of exchange with you — If thou can pur= =chase please to think it on the best terms thou can as soon as posable, please also inform us if their is any prospect of purchasing any from the Otsego Cargo we may want a little more than the Maryland but cant determine untill we hear again fm Nantucket thy early information will oblige — Thy friends &

David Anthony Idonne 3s 1799

In our hurry we neglected to put any duck on board the last coster for Providence but if thou can procure us 3 or 4 Hds Molasses of good quality for Ships use not exceeding 50 Cents we shall be glad to have it procured & sent by J Sherman in a small schooner just gone we shall also be glad if thou has obtained our annual supply of Butter & Cheese please send it also — perhaps thou may put off some Candles Duck or Strained oil of Molasses 2 Bbl Sugar and 4 Bbs N E Rum, in which case will forward it to thee, but the Molasses we want if thou cant get without money though we prefer only 3 Hds if for Cash please also send us 2 Hd Lime W School — Whale oil we also have if thou can barter it for those articles

318 Benjamin Rotch 10mo 30 99

Since the foregoing JR has gone to the Island to facilitate thy plan but our movements altho with the utmost caution has stimulated monopoly in the manufacturers then & what they cant buy they procure to strain giving $10 p Son for that privilage that he writes us it is almost wholly engroped and an order from Boston for £ 150 Tons Rack'd limitted at 35 to 30 £ is filling at 32 at this last price we have advised his taking 100 Tons we hope we may by advancing take hold of 50 Ts More - Ab 50 more has arrived at New York which we have also ordered purchased & are expecting to hear from a Cargo at Hudson there is no probability of exceeding much 200 more than the A who has near 200 Ts on board and the other all ready to compleat her who we think will take full 300 — we have been long expecting a Cargo of Staves from Norfolk but hitherto have been obliged to pick them up about town & have put in the bone we mentioned to thee we fear some trouble in procuring the 12mon but shall not fail if we detain the Ship & give extra terms — when we mentioned to thee & Dickason discounting the balance of our Acct we did not take into view the premium upon the Lydia supposing that fixed upon a distant Ct of which please inform them

We are &c

Wm & Geo Dean 10mo 31 1799

We have since we wrote you last engaged the Schooner Merium Wm Soule master the vessel refered to in our last to take the 50 to of Oil a 4/6 pr Bbl the usual p' for this to be del'd alongside the Schooner according

the owner making some objection to landing at Marblehead supposing it not practicable to land it there on the wharf not knowing the situation of that place we have agreed it shall be rec'd along side the Schooner she is now landing her ballast and the Ail is ready to be rec'd on board

Yrs &c

To Peter Roc Dalton 10mo 31. 1799

Thy obliging fav of the 18th Inst was duly rec'd — Inclosed is J R's note for $4000 which if consistent with the rules of the Bank we shall be glad to have Discounted for 45 dys but if not it may remain untill within 30 dys of its maturity — Yrs &c

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To Thos Dickason Ho PS to one of 10mo 15. 99

To Messrs Geo Dean 10mo 5. 99

Yours of 31st ult came duly to hand and we are glad to find you have gained some more recent intelligence of Henry hope he may take a turn back in a short time —

The Schooner Meriam Lat Sails did not finish loading untill yesterday this forenoon he sailed but as the wind has been very light we doubt his having got out of the Bay — We now inclose bills Lading for the Ail & Invoice thereof and to & which we shall be obliged by your taking Jacobys note for at 90 Contract say 120 dys payable at the US Bank, & forwarding to us Cash (payable to our order) as was not able to take all the Ail on his hole & rather than have it left we consented to its going on Deck at Js risk at Insp to this you

320 will please to obtain his approbation
we do not know the quantity think abt 12 or
13 Casks and as the vessel has a deck waist and
it appears well stowed we apprehend little
risk they promise to secure it well with planks

We are &c

Timothy Coffin

Nov 7. 99

On board the Pac Lively

we have put in to stamp the other Bill so we
ship'd some time since which if thou have
ve please give thy note to Geo Folger Jr Cashier
of the Bank for $260 payable in 6 mo fm this
time which is agreeable to thy request
under date 15 ult — We are &c

Geo Folger Jr

Nov 7. 1799

We have requested
T Coffin to lodge at the bank his note for
$260 payable in 6 mo fm this time which
we wish thou to receive & at maturity place
the same to the Cr of our Acct
Inclosed is an order on J Elkins for $5.40/00 which
please to receive & pass to our Cr. we are &c

Do J Anthony & Co

Nov 11. 1799

Your very obliging favour under
date 12th ult. has been duly rec., and are much obliged by your
kind Assurances that our friends drafts from Norfolk shall meet
with due honours - we remain quite ignorant of his proceedings
with respect to loading a Ship of ours (long since arrived at that port
with Staves on her account, or whether he has procured a freight, in
either of which cases it possible he may have occasion to draw on
your House, should not a market prevent, for some Goods Ship'd
we are hourly expecting a Sloop to arrive from there with Staves
the purchase, or cost of which he may have occasion to draw for

By Capt. Bunker we have Ship'd you 35 Boxes Spermaceti Candles & 27 Casks Common or Whale Oil & Inclosed Invoice & if he does not get away too early in the morning intend putting a little Sperm Oil onboard suitable for Lamps being very little or no prest Oil yet got out. we think this will stand fair for a ready market and being much preferable to the Strain'd Oil for that purpose. The Common Oil we presume will be much demanded, from the great scarcity both with us and Nantucket. two Vessells we hear are loading at Nan.t but are not like to have a full load — We have also ship'd by Capt. Bunker twenty five Mats of Raw Duck, which we can recommend to be of the first Quality — It was last year prefer'd in New York & Baltimore to any at Market and altho you mention Raw Goods to be very plenty, yet from its quality we hope you will succeed in finding a pretty ready sale for it as likewise for all the other articles the prices of which must be governed by your Judgment of the scarcity, state of the present Market and probable demand therefor, with such other circumstances as may present — We have just disposed of 50 Tons Whale Oil at £80 four Months Credit and have nearly that quantity now on hand — Please to Ship by Capt. Bunker Ten Barrels of best Spine Flour & half a barrel Crackers for family use — We are &

11mo 11 1799

To W W Yardley

Your obliging favour of 8mo 24 we rec.d long after its date — we were pleased to find you had been so fortunate in disposing of the Oil, as to close the Sale, previous to your leaving the City, during which time much loss must have been sustained & we much fear'd would be the case until the receipt of your letter — We are in hopes of again hearing from you before Capt. B sails & that you could have given us an encouraging

aut. of the demand for Oils & Candles at your market as we should have been glad to have ~~been~~ made you a Shipment — Should any thing favourable turn up, we still hope to hear from you shortly — Please to say if your market will encourage a Shipment of Rupa or Ravens Duck or Russia Sheetings — We shall be pleased to receive aut. Sales of the Oil when convenient — We are &c

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Isaac Hicks

Hanover 13. 1799

Thy fav. of 5th Inst we did not receive untill a few days past via Nantucket — Having a quantity of Whale oil on hand for the scarcity of this article we suppose it must advance by Packet we have shipd thee 32 Bbls which we hope thou will be able to dispose so as to net us $80 the price we have just sold 50 Bbls at 81 here this paper is full bound which we think you are in the practice of Purchasers paying

We hope thou will be able to procure a cargo qlt of Whale & Sperm Oil there are arrivals with you at our former limits but as thou mentions the obg Whale oil p Son a $100 being rather doubtfull thou may advance the price of this kind to $100 provided it can be had by so doing as we are in want of a little more than we have purchased and under the circumstances which we labour in rect the Sperm matter at NY we think we cannot go higher than $200 it not being sold over by which considerable water extracted from it and is always the practice with us before ~~sold~~ sold

it fit for market which renders it less valuable & we think $200 as much as will be given. — We wish if those purchases at these prices to keep the H. M.ᵉ & B Ac connected or their proportions to go together

We doubt not thy selling it as low as possible & not exceeding the former limits (unless it should be to obtain it) equally as though we had not extended them

We are in want of some Sh Bread for a ship that will be ready to sail before Sabers return we have borrowed ~~two~~ 1200 lb for her which we shall be glad those would procure as the person of whom we borrowed it will want it in 2 weeks — We shall put on Bd the Packet a sample please get it of the same qu.ᵗʸ & have it put in Flour Bbls

We have no Acc.ᵗ of the Brig Eliza since she sailed from this port 12 mo 20 last & from the length of time that has already elapsed his safety is thought very doubtfull — We now forward thee the policy for the Insurance our A B had effected in your city last 9.ᵐᵒ with which we request those would pursue the regular steps to recover in case no intelligence should be rec.ᵈ from her those will be carefull to inform the officers or underwritten of no Acc.ᵗ have been had since her sailing & that no neglect shall be chargeable on us As will the bay.ᵗ be.ᵈ sooner due which we suppose is your custom so many d.ʸˢ after proof of a loss. any other papers that are necessary inform us in time & we will forward them

Inclosed is also T L Judges Acc.ᵗ with H Dean which we shall be glad those would present & see how far its right T L J promised to transmit us a statement but never has done it nor can we of late hear from him if there is any balance due its time it was settled

Please inform if R Sheeling or Duck are in demand or will sell Capt Saber being loaded we were invented [illegible]

324 Jeffrey & Russell 11 mo 18. 1799

Since our Mr's return we find a vessel here would take 20 or 30 Tons of oil to Boston a 2/8 ₱Bb should you incline to have the oil please to give us an early answer as the vessel is otherwise bound to N York We are &c.

Do J Hastings 11 mo 18, 1799

Our Mr R J. forgot to call upon thee for the $124- he gave thee a Check for, on the day of his leaving town. that with whatever nantucket paper thou has on hand will be agreeable to us to receive by next post as we have some provision to make for payment on the Island — We are &c

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Do Boot & Pratt New Bedford 11 mo 20. 1799

We neglected drawing on you by last post but presume it will be equally agreeable to you to deposit to our Cr in the Branch Bank the balance of the bill for £700 19

Say at 6 ₱C Dis. Bo's Credit	$2924.44
Pd our Mr J.	951. ..
	$1973.44

Our Checks this week anticipate upon $1400 the residue if more convenient for you will be in season for us next week

We are &c

Duplicate via Boston

Since our several dates p the Minerva & Galen we are favd with your obligeing favr letter of Sepr 2d advising us of the Lydias being still unprovided with the residue of her Dollars, we hope she was soon off either with them or only with a letter of Credit as we are anxious to hear of her being still on her voyage — We find the Minerva Brightman is loading in Norfolk for Liverpool, its probable we shall order her back with salt only, and the residue of her freight to be remitted to you which we hope will be of sufficient amount to pay our half of the premium of upon the Lydia that we may once more feel the pleasure of being out of your Debt — We feel a lively sense of your kindness in indulging us with so much ~~Credit~~ patience and hope in future to regulate our business so as to have less occasion of troubleing you thereupon, it is an object with us to trade only with our own Capital and it is only to you that we have paid any interest money for many years the fluctuations of the present day are too great for us to feel a willingness to advance our business upon a scale our stock would even enable us — This goes by the Ann Capt Coleman who is now ready for sea with about 280 Tons Sp Oil on its Bottoms on acct of BR for Milford Haven which we hope will prove a successful adventure a kind of frenzy has taken hold of our Oil dealers & they have run up the price to £40 Lond from 27 ports of its great advance in London as Capt Hazards 2d Bill before omitted is here inclosed for £160 in Duplicate

as we have no oil on the Continent much later than your last letter in which you are silent of such an event we presume it is without foundation — We have however some expectation of procureing 200 Tons more for BR for which we shall have to value upon you agreeable to his directions hopeing soon to hear from you again and of finding the Lydias departure

We are &c

To Benjamin Rotch 11 mo 24 1799

Dupt via Bastan

Since we closed our contract for the oil we have used every exertion to equip & load the Ann she has taken less than we expected by several tons in part owing to the later part of the Casks not proving of such size as was most convenient between Deck — we sent a vessel to Norfolk about two months since for a cargo of staves which owing to the scarcity, heavy rains in that country &c has been delayed & not arriving we have been obliged to search the river and pick up all we could and are not without hopes she may yet arrive to get a few more thousand into her if not they may be ready for another Cargo we find that taking ours and Sam'l oil at the highest limits & the residue at its cost brings it to average 6 Cents over $118 ℔ Ton we have accordingly charged it at that — We have been as particular as possible in selecting the brown oil for our purchases but the nature of the oil trade is such that we are obliged to take all and it was under the expectation that the ship would take all of that kind to fill her up that we marked of a parcel of casks 3 of which only was taken we since regret any of it having gone in of 70 Tons purchased of the Wharehams Cargo much of it was coloured tho sweet, owing to carelessness

in the boring out but we hope it is not
injured for white oil Several tons is left of it
quite brown, and the whole has gone on
board in excellent order and we hope will
come out with little leakage we have not
thought it for thy benefit to shake any of
the Iron hoop'd casks as the voyage would
make a loss to thee & here they would at present
find no sale and hope by keeping them they
may find a market without loss or otherwise it
may be charged to thee — The Lydia having left
a parcel of confused heads and shakes we
have put them all on board without charging
any thing for them a few more in order belong
to S R and ourselves we have also put in at
the price they cost us now apprehending in
our scarcity of staves to fill up where nothing
else will go they will be acceptable to thee we
have also taken of S R sundry Wh materials
belonging to the Company also a few of the Lydia
and one of the boats she left as it will answer
for a spare boat & come to nothing here we
also took one of hers for the Barclay which devides
them equally between us the other 3 boats are new
we have put such stores as we thought best to
provide in new iron hoop'd casks to take off
as many as possable the 2 Hds W I Rum S R left
us as thy property — Last spring while contem
= plating the Ann to take a fr the riggers made
from the old shrouds a set for the fore mast but
them is insufficient for a long voyage the
others are new Capt Coleman will be able to judge
of them when he has made a passage the Ship was
as compleatly run out hull Sails and rigging
as ever we saw one when she arrived last
voyage but it is yet impossable to say what is
her cost the mechanicks not being able to close
their bills untill she is ready to sail, but as we
estimate Shins here and and as they really sell
we think she will stand well at $12000 the Co
in the devision of property called her as she
arrived $4000 the Js Brothers Sh owned we
have talked of $3000 but he having been some
time absent we fear will not return before
she sails for us to fix it — our Wh wrote the
from Boston that the Insurance was effected
25000 by the Marine & fire Co a 9 pC at Taylors
office One policy on Ship $12000 and for $12000

3P. at the same and he had another policy for $10000 on the Cargo nearly closed which will lay open till we see if that will cover thy wines on those upon the Cargo thou has liberty to re-ship the Cargo to Bristol or London coastwise with the addition of 2½ P.C. they were informed that the coasters go under convoy but there is no warranty — should thou find a market for it at Bristol I suppose thou may have it Insured for much less there in that case if thou can do it as low even to London it will be well to consider the chance of informing us thou stops the risk of the underwriters in season or states thy having it so ordered in thy policy there that in case of loss the orders with you shall not clear themselves by a double insurance in which case it might be thrown clear of both we sugest this that thou may act safely as thy judgement may dictate the premiums here are on 8 one Co — we have agreed with Cap Coleman to leave with thee to make compensation to him for the voyage of our Cap's an European voyages are not commonly satisfied with a prospect short of $100 pr mo including all perquisits the others we have stood on as good terms as we could with our engagement that if the voyage and terms the ship goes upon suits them they shall be at liberty to go in her if not they are at liberty to leave her R Lewis and E Warren have last voyage been in the Lydia & Barclay we recommend them to thee to assist them in business when ever thou can and we also particularly recommend A Fuller a clever young man last year with J Gardner his father P Fuller is a very respectable man of this town and and an attender of our meetings and severeus thou may render him will be gratefully rec'd by his frds here — we have made an invoice of the Slaves for the Wh Voyage as thou hast directed at the usual prices but the articles will be all charged to the Ship at their real cost and charges which thou will find below the Invoice except such as has been rec'd in which thou hast an Interest —

we have also collected most of the small articles for thy family use in another Invo but fear they have come so late that thou will

not make much saveing the raisons are of the very first importation of the last vintage arrived in Boston last week consequently high just before thanksgiveon

A young man from Northumberland having been convinced of our principles / not a member / has been at works 2 mo^s in our Rope walk waiting to take passage in the Ann he has conducted very steady and exemplarly since with us has nothing & I have promised him a passage for what assistance he can render on board — We recommend him to thy advice to get him to his friends, a water passage to white Haven will leave him much nearer than from Milford — We have about 20 Tons of Oil left on hand a $100 a quantity (unknown) at Nant^t bo^t at £40 50/ higher than our limits but have acceded with orders to stop there as we apprehend it has been bidden up fictitiously expect we may still take hold of ab^t 50 Ts more There a $40 and are in daily expectation of 50 Ts being purchased for the Maryland who was but discharging when we last heard from Nyk but we yet hope to get 200 more taking some lacks on the presⁿ on determining those purchases we must draw for thy Oil when I was in Boston bills would sell at 9 p^ct Dis before the ships sailed but expected to fall after hope we shall be able however to do better than before tho' at that time none had been sold higher than 9 p^ct Dis — and as the oil was proportionably lower it was no real loss — The oil trade at Nan^t is the worst trade we know off the holders fix no price but expect an offer they then go from one to another with their offers raising it 10 or 20 p^ct & still no closeing but baffling the purchaser our speculation has excited a competion in J Ms family now forming two formidable houses Gardner and Mitchel & O'Neil & M between themselves and with us each seaking a monopoly from a belief we suppose that they know what to do with oil as well as we — We expect the oil will come freely — We shall use our best indeavours to serve thy Interest — The Ship^g paper will shew the advances made to the people many of which have exceeded the month advan-

330 but it is impossible to do otherwise to get them off the sailors particularly the blacks being generally in Debt their Os come forward on their shipping — one Isaac Solomon owes the town abt $42 for the maintenance of his Child we have passed our word if he goes in the Ship on a Whale Voyage we will advance the money of which thou will inform —

To oblige one of the Sailors Ephram Warren we have taken of him $100 & given him a bill upon thee for £22.10 Stg

To set off the last sailor Wortland (Woman) we have consented to pay a note of $37 to Haggett & which note we have given Capt Coleman Inclosed thou will find the Invoices & bills Lading & we hope that the Ship will safely arrive and make thee a good Speculation — Weare &c

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Willis & Gardiner Newport 26. 1799

Your obliging favr of 2nd came to hand last week by which we are sorry to find the market for Sp Oil is so low & are pleased to find that Wh Oil appears in demand as we have kept a few Tons through the summer in expectation of its rising from your information we have been induced to prevail on Capt Rich to take a fr for Phila and by him have ship'd you 59 Cs Wh Oil abt 20 Tons as p Invoice & bill lading inclosed, which we hope you will be able soon to dispose of at an advanced price as you expected we have sold 50 Bs together

lately on the spot at $80 p Ton — We leave you to act your own judgment in the sale — Should good Indian Corn be plenty at your market and at a price Capt Keen thinks will answer to bring here his owners & ourselves ~~than~~ with him to be loaded back as speedily as may be whom you will please to consult and act accordingly — If you find a quick sale for the oil so as to meet the purchase of the Corn without any inconvenience in prices it will, agreeable to us to have the pd of the Sp oil sold last summer remitted to us we have frequently had our remittances made fm the US Bank Checks or Dfts on the Branch bank at Boston — which will very agreeable to us — We have a few more tons Whale oil in still larger casks than those now ship'd which we suppose will not sell so well with you as in smaller if you think it will make no material difference in the sale please advise us as we should wish to avoid startling them — We are —

Joseph Anthony & Co Nantucket 26. 1799

Refferring to ours of the 11th p Bunker we have only to add that altho Sp oil has been very dull with you we yet hope fm the small quantity of Sp oil best sorts that will be on hand this winter you will be able to run off more than we ship'd you by Bunker consequently we now ship you p Sloop Drusilla Capt Keen 156 best pss oil 8417 lb which we apprehend will be found the best at your market — If you have not ship'd the Flour & Crackers requested p Bunker, please to send us 5 Bbl best flour & 1/2 Bbl Crackers by Capt Keen —

We are &c

332 To Rathbone Hughes & Duncan of Ann Coleman 11 mo 25. 1799

Dep.t via Boston

Our Ship Minerva

J Brightman master we expect is abt sailing from Norfolk for Liverpool w.th a fr.t of Tobacco & filled with Staves on our own a.c.t — Cap.n Brightman has our orders on his sailing if he went to Liverpool to address himself to thee You he may probably be arrived before this reaches you — We wish your attention to assist you in the discharge of his business & to receive his fr.t furnishing him with what advances he may stand in need of and unless you can procure a fr.t for some part of the UStates we wish him to Load as soon as possable with your consent sail & proceed to Boston or this port, or N.Y.k as may prove most convenient to him on his reaching the coast — whatever the balance of his fr.t may be we request you will speedily remit it to Thomas Dickason & Co London to whom we shall be indebted at the close of the year

Yours &c

Robert & John Bolton 11 mo 26. 1799

By last post we rec.d your fav of 21.st returning the notes we sent you upon D Brownell and feel ourselves much obliged by your care & attention therein — His conduct has entirely forfeited all confidence in him and expecting him to settle with us he has endorsed T Robinsons note Dated 9 of the

last payable 9th of next month for $100 we 334
request your indugence to trouble you therewith
& request that payment thereof may be obtained
in the way you think most advisable for our
security — You will please remburse your-
=selves and forward us the pd as early as
convenient Bills on N Y Boston R Island
will answer our purpose — Wee are &

Thad Mayhew 11 mo 25, 1799

D Browne has given us
an order upon thee dated 23 Inst for whatever
balance may be due to him & which he
rates at ab $300 says there was a shipment
of rice he reminded thee of which had
slip'd thy recollection the order we
inclose and request thou will reserve
the whole balance and let us know
as soon as possable — We also indose
thee a bill of exchange endorsed by
T Robinson Savannah at 10 dys Sight
on J Forbes New York for $225 with
a letter of advice and one to Robensons
father requesting honour should the
bill not be accepted thou need not
have it protested unless thou find
a bill not expressing valueed can
be recovered and we notice this does
not — Browne tauths of being soon
in Nyk and promised to settle the
business there if it should not be pd
please inform us what has

became of the oil left through the summer, we with it sold —

Yeaves &c

To Capt. Brighton at [illegible] 11mo 28 1799

Capt. Dilling have arrived this evening and brings us thy letter of 17th informing thou was in hopes thou should be ready to sail in 5 or 6 days we hope thou has availed thyself of the fine N W wind two days past. Capt. Coleman in the Ship Ann went to sea the 26th and we hop you will both nearly arrive together. we are pleased to find thou has so good a Crew & wish they may continue so — we are glad the Ship is like to take 270 hhds it was the highest we rated her, but we hope thou has got more than 15m Staves in. as they will pay us a very good fr. from our last accounts — We wrote to R H & D by the Ann & send a duplicate covering this, wherein we have desired them if they cant procure a fr. to some port in the U States to load the Ship with their coarsest Salt and we wish thee to procure as early as possible to Boston we prefer that port for the sale of the Salt to the early fishermen, but if the weather should be bad thou may either come here or go to N York — If thou hears of Capt Cole arrival at Milford Haven, do write us as well as of thy own by every Ship — Thy Wife is well & has wrote thee by Coleman which we directed to R H & D — thou mentions the fr. to be five Guineas but Blow says £5 either will prove a good fr. if thou art successful in passage — hope early to hear of thy safe arrival —

Yeaves

To T Dickason Junr

11mo 29. 99

Thine of 25th was handed us this day, and we are very sorry to inform thee that H Dean has been ever since his return to Salem, (at which time thy letter was returned) quite insane confind both at Salem & Andover. In the latter place he eloped with a horse about a month since, and was not overtaken until he reached Philadelphia, where he was Lodged in the Hospital for Maniacks, as he is yet a minor his father has given over WR J. a power to settle his affairs here which are so perplexed & deranged that little can at present be known of their situation, we contemplate a loss on the Jnial ispue but hope it will not be large — Ourselves being the largest Creditors (having been responsible to a considerable amount) we shall be content with an iqual dividend, and as soon as her affairs can be brought to a close we will have bill settled as with the rest of the Co. if it meets thy approbation — We are &c

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Isaac Hicks

1mo 29. 1799

Thy favr of 16 ppsent is duly at hand and notice the contents we are sorry thou has not been able to close with the owners of the Maryland Oil & H matter but having extended our limits on the former (pd Taber) to $110 pds which had not then reached there we hope ere this thou hast purchased it but should thou not be able to obtain it at within our former limits which we doubt not thou will endeavour to effect we now give the liberty to

336 go as high as $210 for Hd & $120 p Bo
for the Sperm under the present entries
State in which we suppose the Hd will
we Hd is as much as will be offered
as it is the practice here to boil it
over before it is considered in a market
State — We are in hourly expectation
of Tabers arrival by whom we hope
to learn thou hast purchased the Logs
& if any of the Ottawas if for sale that
thou will be able to secure them —

Thou canst vary the prices as will
best suit the disposition of the limits
only for the average not to exceed our
limits — Thou may also purchase either
seperate if thou cannot keep them together
at the above prices but we ~~must~~ had
rather keep them together

Yours &c

11mo 30th 99

To James Barker

Thy letter of 28th is before us we note
thou expects 170 Bar.ls and has about 5 Tons of thy own thou
wishes us to take, we accede there to and shall like to have it put
into the market Cellar unless the Packets can bring it pretty soon,
which we prefer, as we observe from the specimen we have had of
Nantucket oil, it requires to be put immediately under the
care of a Cooper and the most we have seen is in order very
inferior to what we buy it here — let us know the quantity as
soon as thou can that we may know what provision to make
for the payment — we inclose the prudence bill amounting

to £41.85 we are glad to see industry in settling her accounts. I wish as much had been manifested in Closing those of her former voyage, having never had any account of her Charter &c

We are &c

11mo 30 1799 addition to Thomas Dickason & Co Letter of 11mo 21 99

The Ann Sailed on the 26th and the wind being fine at the Northward she must abready have made a very good Run — Since the foregoing we have a prospect of procureing another Cargo of about 200 Tons of Spermaceti Oil for account of B R, but fear we shall not be able to Ship it of untill the Winter stops our business — for our contract abready made it's probable we shall have occasion to draw £1100 or 1200 upon you in a week or two on his acct — We have desired R K & Duncan Liverpool to load the Minerva back with salt only and remit you the balance of her pr. & Staves which we hope will be over £1000 — We are &c

12mo 2. 1799

To Booth & Pratt

We are in expectation of selling some exchange in a short time, and shall be glad to know the terms you will allow for £800 or 1600 at 60 dy sight your information by return of post will oblige your &c

To John Richie 12mo 2. 1799

If thou art in want of 800 to 1200 ₤ Exchange on London 60 days we shall obliged by thy information at what discount thou will be willing to take a part or all we hear from N York they are at 5 ₰ C.

We are &c

We have already forwarded to Boston perhaps by the same conveyance duplicates of our letters p Mann who sailed 26th ult & postscript advising of the Ships departure and of our prospect of a further Cargo since which we have been in treaty and purchased here about 50 Bo more of oil on the bottoms a 40 tuns had abt 30 purchased at Nantucket at the same & perhaps 15 rec'd at £33 making in all now engaged abt 120 Bo and are in daily expectation of hearing of 50 more being purchased at Nfk from this prospect we have after consulting thy frds here thought it best to conclude a bargain we have had in contemplation & which we mentioned to thee with S R Hons for the ship Warehaun 230 To a good sailor well built & has only been one voyage to the Pacific Ocean now in compleat repair for a European voyage balasted and all ready to Send Sails with a large inventory of whaling materials & nearly meat & bread enough for the voyage a $10000 Pr in 3 mo & the other in the Spring if we get her away before winter if not in 6 Mo so that we hope not to

draw for any part until her arrival in Europe she is a ship as well calculated for the Ocean as any one we know of and to that J Gwin who we expect will command her gives a preference E Clark brother to Abed was in her last voyage bro't home full up 1290 Bls and could have brought more than 100 more the owners say 200 carried only 16 men and manned only 2 boats which we generally prefer as they seldom find Whs so plenty as to require more men tho the officers are generally fond of 36 men yet never if Whs only were to guide their bays we shall immediately discharge the balast and stow the oil as fast as we receive it and if the weather continues as moderate the present as it was the last month hope she will sail before N Years day if we get the 50 Bs fin Nyk we shall fill her up as speedily as possable with staves now on the wharf and with Shaken Casks wh Stores &c thus circumstanced thou will see we have no prospect of shipping the debenture articles — we shall now be under the necessity of drawing upon Dubason for the payment of the oil of which thou will duly notify them we mentioned to them last week the probability & shall duly advise them when we draw

Yours

340 Penn Mary Como 3. 99

We rec'd thy letter of 23 Ult° with invoice of 22 Cs of Bit blond to thy Cr Thro SR's letter we concluded thou had rec'd such an extension of thy limits that thou wish'd to take in the Bit JB bought & it was not quite agreeable to us but as thou but as thou must not at liberty we supposed it right to consider it ours & have governed ourselves accordingly we shall now be glad to have the money thou in thou hast purchased on our Act sent of as soon as the P can take it & advise us of thy future prospect also when the payment falls due that we may make provision please also to say if B Bank will serve if not we must collect Nat' fund scarce any thing but B Money in circulation we have a Ship now nearly ready to take in & with 50 Ts fm Nyk we now see a prospect of filling the Ship as she will take not more than 200 Ts & when we have secured enough for her we shall be out of the way — There is none now here unsold — we have bought the residue 50 Ts a $40 on the bottoms please inform what prep'd Ax fm Wm H Haller can be bought at fm the Slack prep'd any likewise whether thou art at liberty & can purchase 20 Ts on its bottoms a $40 if we thereto be dispatched at Nyk we shall want a little more — please also to say how much thou hast engaged on our Act & thou hast given SR this information it is important

Yours &

We rec^d thy fav^r p^r Taber covering invoice of brand & Oil the Nprd of the latter falls far short of our expectations as we have been so confident & a scarcity as to keep some qnt on hand & have since the shutting of that refused $80. p^r T. here for what remained knowing that it was in good demand in Phi^a a 3/pt so near as thou art to that place we apprehend thou would sooner have taken the liberty to have sent it there than to have sold it so far below our ideas we had rather of given the Cap^n to have purchased at that price than to have sold ours so low — After loading a vessel here for Phi^a we sold nearly the last 10 T. here without exp^ce for $80 ⅓ Cash ⅓ 90 dy — We were much chagrined at hearing nothing from thee by Taber respecting purchasing S Oil & SL M but 2 dy^s after F B arrived b^t us thine with Invoice of the SL & S Oil with which we are much pleased & which served in some degree to reconcile the bad Sale of the W Oil yet we think with a little more trouble to thyself we might of made a saveing on both — Please to write what terms of payment thou hast agreed for this parcel & also if the course of Exch^e continues a 5 p^C Dis — We hope thou hast not miss^d of securing the Many^r Oil & Rd

By our last letter we gave the liberty to Advance to $120 & $210 but hope thou hast bought it at or below our former

342 limits — If thou thinks there is a probability of obg $18 Cash for Sheetings or to net us that a 900 $ we shall like to send the 800 $ which we think they will command in the Spring — We shall attend to the 260 ℔ of foots they are much short of being full and give thee their value

please attend and see that the oil & Sto is full at this season it should be heap'd quite Slot to to fill up with otherwise many crevises ~~otherwise may~~ may be left that in a Cold state may not get penetrated — We with the Oil sent on as speedily as possable if no conveyance for the whole we had rather the Sto was left till the last as the Ship will be ready for the Oil before it arrives we intend amongs us to make up a few hundred bu Clover Salt to send by Tober for the high price thou mentions in thy letter — We gave Mg a ℔ on thee for $400

We are &c

Jeffrey & Russell 12 Mo 5, 1799

We have much apology to make for not replying to yours of 19th in answer to ours of 18 Ult & your last of 28th which wants. to have wrote you last week did not reach us untill this afternoon — The offer our Mr made was $80 at 4 mo which had you acceded to we should have put it forward as fast as possable but your offer extending the Cr 20 days longer we found we could do better and

ment to have wrote you by return of post very close engagements in preparing for the departure of the Ann who sailed on the 25th erased it from our minds & we dont recollect that it has occured upon since — we are sorry for this inexcuseable omission but you may be assured there was not the least design in it but wholly accidentally — we do not think the quantity is left in town nor could we purchase it at that price — we doubt our having 100 on hand but if you still want it, we dont know where to find a conveyance for it at this late season we will however if you desire it do the best we can

We are &c

Peter Roe Dalton

12 mo 6. 1799

Inclosed is Margill & Folgers bill on E Parsons 5 days for $518.75 which we shall be obliged by thy rec'g at maturity & place to our Cr

We are &c

7th Having by last evenings mail rec'd a letter from the Treasurer department informing that the balance due us say $6971.92 and $1689.62 were stated at the Treasury & that the collector at Boston was instructed to pay the same — we have this day drawn & now inclose 2 Bills on B Lincoln Esq'r one for each of those sums which we request thy attention in receiving & placing to our Credit

We are &c

12 mo 9.

To J Hicks

This is merely to request thy taking the trouble to receive the amt of N Fredborns voyage or share in J. Maryland Whale & Elun Voyage having been desired by his Friends and connections to request thy

344 Rec'd Lincoln Esq^r 12 mo 6. 1799

We rec'd fm the Treas^y department a letter fm J. Steele dated Oct^r 19 who says the sum of $6071.92 was allowed at the Treasurer a balance due to us. & another dated Nov^r 18 says the further sum of $1498-62 is also stated to be due to us these sums we have been anxiously waiting for from the Treasurer as both letters mention they will be p^d under his direction we yesterday rec^d fm Wm Miller 19 Nov^r to whom we had expressed our wish for his attention to see that the money was sent us in this letter he says the collector of Boston has been instructed to pay us the balance of the former as well as of latter acc^t presuming therefore that last by this time rec^d those instructions we shall draw this day upon the fm in fav^r Cashier of U.S Bank for each sum seperately & if the form of the D^f will not discharge them at the Treasury we will conform to the mode they may prescribe but as we shall have occasion to draw upon the bank in anticipation we wish the payments at least of one of the D^fts may not be delayed

We forwarded at request of the Treasury Department our rec^t for $4000 they p^d us & shall be obliged by their looking up the Check for $1350 they kindly took up of ours last spring — We hope it will be as advantageous to be in our power to offer terms as advantageous to the government for another years supply of Oil —

We are &c

To J Byrnes 11mo 6. 1799

Since our last of the 4 mo 29 last we have only recvd thine 4 mo 13 and have been anxiously looking for the Sales of the goods we Ship'd thee, disappointed in that expectation we nevertheless hope the goods are sold & that we have not been subjected to a loss that might have been expected by keeping 'em through the summer of your warm climate. for without great care and attention, it is impossible to prevent Leakage. Having occasion for sum funds in Charleston and intrusting the care of the business to our friend A Shepherd who soon goes on there, we request thou will account with him for all the property thou hast sold on our acct, and what articles may remain on hand if he finds he can do any thing with them to facilitate our plan, we desire thou will deliver them to him. We are &

To Hazard & Ayrault 12mo 6. 1799

We are sorry that we have only to acknowledge your last Short letter. for more than twelve months since, having been long anxiously looking for account of Sales and some remittances for the goods entrusted to your care, as your letters last year have announced the sale of all the Goods Ship'd you except 1 pc Sail Cloth 6 pc Ticklenburg 10 Casks Linseed Oil and 17 boxes Candles prior 11mo 9. 1798 we hope the residue has been long sold. Having now made some arrangement with our friend A. Shepherd we wish him to avail himself of the funds we have in your hands & request you will account with him the balance due to us. Should any of our articles remain unsold, we wish if

he can turn them to any purpose to facilitate our plan,
that you would deliver them to him — We are

12 mo 6. 1799

To Isaac Hicks

We have written
thee several times lately on the subject
of Oil and are now without any of
thy favr but hope thy next will mention
thou hast closed for the Maryland
Oil & Sl matter — we hope thou
hast closed the sale of the candles this
same time last — what few ps of
damaged duck remains on hand
we wish thee to send back as they will
be of more value to us than Others would
be willing to purchase them at which
we hope will enable thee to forward us
Acct Sales of all our Shipments if not
heretofore rendered — please to send
us 20 Bbls Tar by the packet this trip
We find no stamps charged in the Acct of Disbursmts
against Ship Lydia we wish thou would have
mention the number put on board at N.Y
having several persons to settle with for
what was on board here — We have
seventy Hogsheads an order for $132.75 on the
Inclosed are the papers we suppose necessary
to empower thee to recover of the underwriters
the Insurance on brig Eliza & Cargo — The
negro being valued in the Policy & our three
quarters only insured & not 2/3 of it covered we
suppose the Policy will be sufficient therefor
should any further declaration be necessary
please inform us —

We are &

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Thaddeus Mayhew 12mo 6. 1799

By last packet we were in hopes to have rec'd some acc't from thee of the situation of our last shipment to thee & Phil'a having heard some of thy absence we presume that was the only cause we however hope thou hast succeeded in disposing of it with all the Candles both for acc't of H Dean & ourselves & we shall be pleased to receive acc't sales with the statement of H Do acc't Cur't the balance of which thou will please place to our Cr.

We have debited thy acc't $365.25 by direction of Willis & Yardley — we have this day drawn on thee for D R & Son for $500 which thou will honour when it arrears

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To T D H.

12mo 7.

We have the pleasure of having writen you on the 30 Ult via Boston informing of the Ann having sailed on the 26th & that we had made some progress in the purchase of another Cargo of Oil for acc't B R since that time we have contracted for a quantity making up 120 T Oil & expect about 50 more in a few days if we succeed in that we shall probably get it off in the course of ano, in the S Merchant of about 230 T burthen which we have also purchased for her — for the payment of the Oil we shall as occasion offers be prepared to draw on you for his acc't & as the course of exchange in Boston is 8 p C we hope to do better in N Y where it was only 5 by our last dates — we therefore draw this day in favour of our Fr'd J H of N Y 3 Bills of Exch'g on you at 60 Days one for £1 for 5 & 1 for £100 Stg which we shall be much obliged by your honouring & placing to his acc't — We are

348 Isaac Hicks NBedford 12mo 8. 1794

Tenders exchange sells

at 1½ d with you than in Boston
we are induced to forward the 1500 £Stg
in three bills of exchange which we hope
them will be able to dispose of at not a
less rate than 6 p% which we hear they
are and getting better we do not know
the custom in negociating exchange
but presume that 1½ p% Com will
be satisfactory compensation therefor
we shall be glad of thy sending us
2000 $ in gold & 1000 in silver & the
remainder we shall be glad to have
in B Bank or other eastern money
if J Rickerson or some other safe
person will take charge of it

It is very probable we may wish
to sell more exchange for which purpose
we may make in 4 & 60 d or when
we know the terms those bought that
on by T Barker as also of further purchase
~~when we know it~~ should the Drs continue
lower with you than us — We have
given A Shattuck a bill for $120 which
please honour when presented please
send us by Taber 1 B of good buckwheat flour
if to be got free of grit —

We are &c

To I Hicks NBedford 12mo 9. 794

This is merely to request thy taking
the trouble to receive the amo of A Treborn's Share in
Maryland having been desired by his Sr. & Connections
to request thy particular care hereof — Neil having arrived
at Charleston & not suspecting but all was Lost unwilling to
return home destitute precatorymen generally leave them
the unfortunate objects who fall in their way — we hear he
was induced to Ship immediately on another voyage

Should he not have impowerd any person to receive his Voyage thou will very much serve him and his connection & we will indemnify thee against any future claim on his account to the amo.t of what thou receivest. the particular information of whom, we apprehend thou can best gain by application to A Folger — Nod took with him $100 to 160 value in cloathing frm this place & had the Capt. promise that whatever he disposed of to the crew should be stopd frm their Shares —

Pleas send us 500. good Quills — Thy letter by Mosher was handed us this morning I are sorry to observe G & R in difference to thy application hope the approaching Cold will prompt them to a reunion — we shall endeavour to forward the some Candles shortly would it not be a favourable opertunity to shorten the C.r given on this Artile & we leave the propriety of raising the price to the jobb

10. We have given J Richeson an Order on the for $110 We credit which with one frm $120 given to A Shepherd we consider on account of the Exchange for £1500 @ 4 cent the 16 of 99 for sale on our account — We are &c

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To Isaac Hicks 17mo 14. 1799

This to advise thee of our having this day drawen on thee in favr of J Buffington for $1220 — whi.h we wish p.d frm the Sales of £1500 Stg in Exch.e forw.d thee by A Shepherd —

Should thou have disposed of said Bills & remitted us the money, we shall be glad of thy honouring Buffingtons draft & we shall speedily reimburse the either thro' the Sales of more Exchange or some other way should'st thou not be in Cash for our acc.t — Plase Oblige us advis.d of the State of y.r Market respecting Exchange —

To P R Dalton 12mo 1st 1799

We are much obliged by thy favr 11th informing of Parsons acceptance & the payment for B L &c together $7561.77 — we now inclose thee J Russells d/s/t. dated Norfolk 26 Nov.r for $462 upon Sawyer & Wigglesworth at 15 Days sight in favour of Phineas Dana & endorsed to Leo Whippy & by him to thee for our acc.t when matured please also place it to our C.r — Gen.l Lincoln sent us last week after our Orders went forward receipts for us to sign, for the two sums above mentioned we shall be oblig.d by thy mentioning to him that if the Orders are not sufficiently clear to send to the Treasury we will still forwarded the receipts to him —

We are &

To Capt. Wm Thompson 12mo 18. 1799

Thou having this day executed to us a Charty party for the Brig.t Mort under thy Command, to carry two Cargoes of Staves to Guernsey — we recommend thy proceeding with all possible Speed to North Carolina North Counties & there procure a Cargo of White Oak Hhd.s Staves & proceed directly to Guernsey their dispose of them in the best manner thou can, reserving from the Nett.s payment for the Charter up to the day of thy arrival at Guernsey & the balance thereof remit to our Friends J Dickason &.c for our account. If thou finds ash Staves will pay as good a freight as Oak as they Cost much less we recommend thy returning to Penobscot in the District of Main & there Load with such Staves as thou finds will do best at that Market & drawing upon us for the amount proceed back to Guernsey where it will also be agreeable

to us to pay up the Charter to that time & remit the proceeds of the second freight also to our said Friends in London – if pr these thou chooses to go elsewhere and terminate the Charter at Guernsey it will also be our Choice – We are &c

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To Benj.a London 12mo 24.1799

We duly received thy favour of the 6th with the receipts for the Sums we drew upon thee for in favour of the Bank, as we sent under thy direction our receipt to the Treasury Office for $4000 paid us last spring we thought best to add to the receipt that that sum was therein included – We shall now be obliged by thy sending by the bearer the several drafts & our Checks which thou took up last Spring if to be found – We are &c

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Jos Shipley 12mo 23 1799

We rec.d thine of 21st with sales of the candles we expect thou will the rec.d 85 Boxes more tomorrow by Nelson in a waggon Private enclosed which hope will find a ready sale being in great want of a few Dol.s we take the liberty of enclosing thee a Check for $1000 & request thee will doos the fav.r to procure them & send them by P Pollard who has bags for them he leaves town on 5th day morn we request thou will favr us by evening send them to his lodgings & thou will much oblige Thy friends &c

Should PP not succeed in rec.g 1000 Dol out of the bank & thou can spirit in procuring them it will much oblige us

352 Elisha Sigourney & Sons 12mo 23. 1799

We are in great want of $1000 in ~~Specie~~ to come us by P Pollard an 5th day you will much oblige us if you will procure them & send by his lodgings on 5th day evening for which we inclose our check if you have rec'd payment due about this town you may still deposit it either before or after the check is presented — P P has bags for them —

We are &c

Peter Roe Dalton 12mo 23. 1799

We are obliged by thy information of the bill on Parsons being ~~pd~~ the bearer P Pollard has our check for $1000 which we request the favr of thy letting him have in 5s Dolls having during the delay of our payment from the Trs ~~of~~ borrowed that sum with the trouble of returning the same & cannot fulfill our engagement without it we ask the favr more freely when we consider that to help the circulation of bank notes in our neighbourhood we have constantly exchanged all that was in our power & have no doubt we have given ten times that sum for your bills — We are &c

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James Andrews 12mo 23. 1799

We rec'd the tongues viz Sent & are obliged thereby — We inclose thee our check for $1000 & request the favr of thy

procureing therefor 8h Dol & send to the bearer lodging P Pollard by 5th day evening next he has bags for it and shall very much oblige

Thy frd &c

Wm Tilly 12mo 25. 1799

Shine of 13 we duly rec'd with 86a of oil & head matter as p foot the oil we had filld up which took 28 Gls the 3 Casks head matter we judged to take 2 3/4 Gls not having any melted — The latter we put a £70 for the oil we would now have given 40 £ which is the very highest that we have known given here or at Nant & we think will do Charles justice in selling it at that price — Coun J Rob has desired our VR to send the acct of the amot thou will please to shew him this which no doubt will be satisfactory —

About the 20th of next month we shall have some money in Newport Bank we will either send thee a check to receive it there or forward the money by post — We are

210 Gls Sh Oil a $40	111.12
139 Gls Ho Int a 70 £	178.70
	$239.82

Do J V M Fisher 12mo 27. 99

Capt Bunker arrived a few days since & brot our Mr a letter from his brother J R F with the stockings & Handkfs amt of which is to your C. with us & we hope you will soon be reimburs'd by the sale of the Candles or Shoes — the buck wheat came also to hand & shall be disposd off as desired for which the acceptors are obliged — B R inclosed the within bill of Exg John Shallcross on John Hollingsworth & Co dated London 6th Sept

for $2222.22 at 30 days informing he has sent the first directly to J & H & Co. for acceptance - we endorse the second to you & shall be much obliged if you will at maturity render us a dft on the Bank of Deposit in Boston for its amount - We are &

12 mo 26. 1799

To S R Dalton

Please accept our thanks for the communications in thine of 20th we now inclose thee a draft from the United States Bank upon thyself dated Dec'r 16 for $421.86 which please to pass to our C'r - The bearer Capt L Jenne will leave our bank book for settlement of our acc't & we shall request him to call for it when adjusted - We are &

12 mo 27. 1799

To J Anthony & Co.

Yesterdays mail brot us your esteemed favour of 12th and are glad to find you did so well with the Whale Oil, our request for the Flour to come by Run was not to prevent its coming by Bunker, but only provisionally if he had never arrived or had come without it, not having any thought Run would reach you before Bunker came away - however we hope it will come in good season as the weather continues very mild - We are obliged by your acceptance of the Norfolk dft our Ship Havens loaded there we stand indebted about $900 & R Blow had our liberty to draw upon you therefor, when he does we shall be again obliged by your paying the same - we shall be glad to hear how your market stands for prim'd Sp Oil as we shall have a quantity in the Spring - We are &

To W V G Dear

12 mo 27. 1799

Thy favours 12th Ult & 23 inst. are duly to hand, the former covering $85 Cash to C. of acct & draft on N Graham for $238.51 who promises to examine his acct. & if so much is due he will pay it — The $240 under cover to our W.J. came safe to hand & has been duly paid to J M Davis & that note cancl'd, the small thereof is to D° of assumpt — Since we furnish'd J S with the 50 Tons H Ash, we have disposed of the most of what remains on hand, that we could not engage to furnish you with any at this time — Your Brother Henry reached Town on 3 day evening, we think him as well as when here last Summer — believe he intends for Salem next week — We are &

Leonard & Crocker 12 mo 28. 1799

Your fav of yesterday is rec with one thousand Dollars which is endorsed upon your note together with two hundred paid us on 20th by Jn° Ferris and the note being for $1893 leaves due to us thereupon $693 with postage of your last $4 when convenient you may send the balance & we will forward you your note

We are &

To Geo Folger Jun.

12 mo 28

By Peter Pollard we send the a bag of English & Portugal Gold, which we rec. from New York Bank for 2250 dw. or $2000 — but as we invariably find by the small parcels of gold from your Scales that are brought

to ours that your weight will not hold out with ours we concluded this parcel will weigh more by your Scales, whatever there is please to pass to our Cr and accept our two Checks fm Wm May & J Barker for $1000 each ~ inlosed is the bill recvd fm NewYork bank ~ We are &

Dear Cousin 12 mo 28, 1799

Agreeable to our last we have by P Pollard sent on to the Cashier $2000 in English & Portag gold recd fm the NewYork Bank for 2250 dlr or $2000 and inlose thee a Check for $1000 which please to pass to our Cr ~ We wish for all the Oil as soon as it can come, all we have here is stowed away in the Ship ~ We are still in expectation of enough from NewYork to make up a load. should we be disappointed there, we may try again on the Island, please to give us thy opinion on the probability of procuring any more on the bottoms £40 to cost here is the extent of our limits ~ but thou will be carefully to keep it to thyself ~ should the gold by any means fall short be so kind as to pay fm thy Check the difference ~ We are &

Thomas Dickason & Co Rino 30, 1799

Confirming the foregoing copy of our last we are still without any of your favr one from BR 9mo 30 pt the Factor we have recd informing of the Leyden's detention by contrary winds & an accident befalling her in the Downs we hope soon to hear of her having escaped the channell ~ The bills sent on to NR sold at a Dis of 2½ pCt

only & having now 1400 Shot purchased for 35/
B Rotch for the Wharcham Cargo most of which
is now on board her we are again necessitated
to draw on you in fav of I H for £1800 Sg at
60 dys in 3 setts of exch 5.6 & 700 £ which we
request your honouring & placing to B R
an we expect in about 2 weeks to compleat
the Cargo of the Wharcham if the weather
continues open as it has hitherto shall
send her off — we have taken of R Hazard
of Charlestown S.C. his claim for Restitution
on two captures the Ship America Brown
& Sloop Harmony Parker pending before
the commissioners & court of appeals which
he expects will net him about $7000
we inclose you his order upon S Williams
American agent in our fav for that
purpose & letter to him of advise we
shall be much obliged by your attention
thereto & when pd placing the amt to our
Cr we understand that in one case
award has been made & in the other
the decree was reversed by the court of
appeals & refered to the Comrs to ascertain the
damages when you can find the state
they were in we shall be glad to be
informed what probability there
is in the payments —
PS The Hunter Churchill has not yet
arrived

We are &c

12mo 30. 1799

To Isaac Hicks

We write thee by Z Barton 14 Inst. advising of our having drawn on thee in his favr. for $1220— since which we have thy favr of 11. 16. 18 & 20 & 21st Inst. with the sales of the whale Oil we are now satisfyd but not feeling so at the time, prefer'd informing thee & have thy reasons in return, to remaining silent as some others have done— We now inclose thee three sets more of Exchr. for 5. 6. & 700 £ Stg which we request thou would dispose of, on the best terms thou can, from the proceeds of which we calculate to take our draft to Buffs. & the amts. of the Oil Shipd us by J Barker if not otherwise in Cash for our account and for the balance we shall be glad to have $2000 sent us in Silver if any suitable conveyance presents & the remainder may come by mail, cutting the Bills from $500 to 100 at a time— please procure us Boston Bank— Ship Hope D G a Ship that has been a missing Ship for some time, arrived at the Vineyard a few days since, from this arrival we calculate to make up our quantity of Oil which is but about 50 or 60 Tons, we wish thou would have the matter decided with GVK & write us the result immediately, as we shall be unable to purchase without hearing from thee, not wishing to purchase any further quantity — We shall ship by the Brigt. Fryal 100 pc Sheetings which we hope thou will be able to sell at not less than $18— of the Quantity at Market thou can Judge, if scarce, we think a little higher price may be obtaind — We shall endeavour to forward another declaration respecting the Elizas Matter dated after the expiration of the time requird— & we are surprised that the underwriters should make any hesitation on so trifling a circumstance—

Inclosed we hand thee our acct. & demand upon A Nicolais one of the men who left the Lydia in My last spring who we find is now working at the Coopers Trade in your City—

we shall write him & request his calling & settle the acc't with thee — if thou thinks our demand unreasonable, we leave thee to fix it at what may be right, we hope he will come forward & cancel it manfully, altho his previous treatment to us has been much unlike one. & should he refuse payment we wish thee to pursue such measures as will oblige him to a complyance of the demand of justice — the Crew being discharg'd in England the expences are much lighter to the Owners The Ship has not yet returned consequently we have not got the Shipping Paper, which tho this we mention not having but might be necessary to Substantiate our demand — The Tar & Buck wheat Flour & Cap Hood? & Duck & Cap Tabor are safe to hand — We are &

Thy drafts in favr Jennie & Church will be duly honored when they appear —

Henry Shuttleworth being now with you & perhaps more convenient for him to pay thee in New York, we here in close his note given long since for the premium on the Juno —

Please to Ship us 40 Bls good pr. Beef & 20 Bls good Pork & first conveyance — Druscilla goes in a week

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To Benjamin Roteh 1 mo 1 1800

Since the foregoing duplicate to our last or raither triplicate we have rec'd thine via Liverpool 9 mo 23 Churchill not yet arrived — The Factor is in but thy letter has not yet reach'd us we note by thy P.S 24th the wind we contrary for thy Lydia by a letter from J Pemberton jr to his father it appears the wind continued strong to the westward that the Factor did not leave Falmouth 'till 24 10 mo & the supposed the Hunter could not be expected in less than 3 weeks after him — since the rec't of the

360 foregoing thine of 9 mo 9 & 12 & to 13 has
reach'd us & we finding our writers were disposed to
take a risk upon her we opened a policy on
joint acc of the Ship at & fm London to Batavia
& back to her port of discharge in the US a 17½ pc
having reach'd nearly $5000 it stops from
recent acc of numerous Privateers from
the Isle of France infesting the Straits of Sunda
that in Boston premiums have risen
to 30 pc out & home — we dont expect to have
any more done at the present — Two new frigates
the Congress & Essex with a Sloop of war are to sail
tomorow from Newport for Batavia to convoy the
American ships home & as advise has gone their
of their intention ~~its probably~~ its probable it will
reach Smith their if he arrives safe under this
circumstance its probable the Insurance home
may be raised next spring & we shall attend
to make it in season it will be our disposition
to cover the property we have not much
inclination to insure much profits as in case
of capture we had rather have our loss made
up any than to pay additional premium
but we shall endeavour to consult thy
views — we have forwarded the bill on
Hollingsworth & Co to Phia and as we suppose
not much advantage can be made by the
exchange have ordered it remitted to us
Exchange having been much better in
NYk than Boston the last month we have
sent to NYk and sold 1500 £ on thy acc at
2 7½ pc Dis & have this week drawn £1800 more
to go there — The Wareham has about 130 Tons
oil on board all on its bottoms except abt 170

and we are yet expecting about 40 pipe N York 361
we expect enough to fill her up but expect it will
all on its bottoms cost £40 Stg we have in consequ
of thy noting the high price of beef ordered pr
N York 40 Bbls beef & 20 Bbls Pork for the Dearham
The weather continues moderate we
hope as soon as the Oil can be here to get
the Ships away — we shall write as thou
proposes respecting our ships £ — — —

We are &c

Peter Roe Dalton 1 mo 2, 1800

Inclosed we hand thee J Simpsons
check for 87/39 which please place to the Cr of our
acct — We are &c

W ~~Isaac Hicks~~ ~~1 mo 2, 1800~~

To R Blow 1 mo 4 1800

Thy esteemed Favr dated Oct 11th 28th
Nov 2. 6th 7th Dec 2 have in course come duly to hand Capt
Dillinghams detention occasiond our mising the Jr of the Saves
by the Ship we intended she having said before he arrived
they however come in use for another now loading — we have
Cr thy acount the amo of those Staves, & J A & C have wrote
they had hond thy drfts on them therefor, by Capt D we recd
a bl of Potatoes which proved very free from rot & in good order
& are much oblig'd by thy attention in sending them altho we
have not found them on thy acct which we expected when we
wrote for them — We are well satisfied with the Minerva's Jr
as it was as well as our acct gave us reason to expect, it was un-
fortunate for us that so much detention occurd for the want of
Staves which tho at a great price we hope will turn out well
We had a letter from Capt B in Hampton Roads the 18th

that we now hope he is nearly arrivd — We received thy account of Disbursments & immediately conformed our former advices to J. & W. to accept thy draft for the amt. in which we warrant thy including the Carpenters bill thou sent us, being satisfied to pay it if thou art, that he did the labour — We are sorry Sail Cloth is in so little demand but for the expectation it will do better in the Spring, we wish thee to retain it. & give us hereafter thy prospect — Geo Mitchell having arrivd here in the Brig I Capt H. from Leith has been waiting sometime in expectation of his Sons John in Norfolk & Geo in Augusta forwarding him money to pay the passages of himself Wife & Granddaughr & in his impatience coming to us we have consented for the sake of his going to his family to accept his bill on his Son John for $ 224 the amt. of his passages & a little for expence & now indorse to thee, requesting thou will endeavour to procure payment Should his Son satisfy thee the money is sent on, thou may let the bill lay till thou hears from us. when recvd please to advise us placing it to our C. — We are &

To J Hicks 1mo 4. 1800

We write thee by B Tryal Capt Telford who saild yesterday morning for NY by whom we Shipd 100 Ps R Shetting & forwarded three sets of Exchange amounting to £1800 Stg for sale, which we hope thee will be able to dispose of on terms not less advantageous than those thou recently made sale of for our acct we have requested in the Letter accompanying the bill of Exchy that money therefor should be forwarded to us but as we shall not be in immediate want of the money if thou can dispose of the bills to

more advantage by giving 30 or 60 days C.t to safe hands thou may dest.
If thou has purchased thy N. Oil (which we this we hope is determined)
thou may apply the amo.t of these sales to its payment, if purchas'd on a
C.t and sells the bills for Cash same desicount may be obtained for
prompt pay - in the transaction of which thou will consult our Interest -
Should the Oil not be purchased, the money may remain in thy
hands until thou hears again frm us respecting it - The Vessel that
was destin'd for N.Y frm this place in consequence of the low price that
Flaxseed bears in your City the Owners have given up the voyage -
hearing the Brig.t Polly is coming this way we hope thou will
receive our Orders timely to ship the Beef & Pork previously ordered
by her - if not by some other good conveyance - We are &

To Thaddeus Mayhew 1 mo 7. 1800

Thy favour of 21.st ult.o we duly received
we are sorry to find D B's acc.t comes out so different (we cannot
so positively say frm what we might have reason to apprehend)
but frm representation we however hope thou will be able to obtain
some thing frm the proceeds of the Linie Jamie or other funds she
may consent to pay on acc.t of what he owes us - whatever thou
can get of D B we shall be very glad to have placed to our C.
with thee if he still remains with you, please to urge his perform-
-ance in this respect - We are sorry to observe the small demand
for both Oil & Candles with you, of the former we hope ere long tha
will be fortunate enough to be able to dispose of it advantagiously
nothing to close our Stock & this & one other Shipment is nearly all
that remains unsold - we think it probable thou clos'd the Sales
of the Candles soon after thy return frm Phil.a hearing they began
to be demanded, should thou not have disposed of them all we

with thou would close the Sales of thos rec.d fm Nantucket including what remains on hand putting them at about the average price of the rest of some parcel, and add the Commission with the other charges thereon, wishing to make a settlement with H D who is interested in this Shipment— / what ever the difference is between the acct now rendered / the actual Sales may be placed to our acct— we shall be obliged by thy transmitting us H Ds acct the balance of which thou will pass to the C of our acct; thou will recollect we hold thy acceptance of his draft for $400 — Please to advise us of the State of your market when thou writes for Spermaceti Oil Candles and Whale Oil / Ravens Duck / — We are &c

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To J Robeson 1 mo 8. 1800

Onboard the Dolphin Capt Allen

we have Ship.d 299 bundles Iron Hoops weighing 7 p Tons agreable to annexed bill amo.t which we shall be obliged by thy handing a Note into the bank for, pay able in 4 months agreable to Contract — finding what we had onhand fell Short of Ten Tons we have order.d some fm the mill which we hope will be along timely — We are &c

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Wm Bourroughs 1 mo 8. 1800

We intend putting on bd Capt Allen 2 Iron bound casks which request thou would have fill.d with N E Rum & ship.d by him also 300 Gls molasses which we want for a ship — If Allen should not go up to Providence we wish thee to put on bd him 10 Reams of candle paper of which we shall be much in want — Yr friends &c

Wm Tilly

1 mo 8 1800

Thy letter of the 14th Inst we duly rec - thou wishes us to ship the amot of the 8th Nt & straind if agreable a £40 p ton that being lower than we have sold any or should be willing to sell at we have put on board 360 cont 20 Gs a £47 which as low as any we have sold should thou not wish to take it at these terms please dirs it to W Bourroughs to see on our acct

Wm Tilly & Co

To B Roth

1 mo 10. 1800

Confirming the foregoing duplicate of our last sent via New York, we have now to acknowledge the recpt of thine of 9 Prod with P S to 10 mo 1. we hear nothing yet of the Hunter, Sarah, or Commerce Whippy frm Liverpool. the Ships have very long Passages - We yesterday were advisd frm NY of the purchase of abt 38 Tons of Oil on its bottoms which we daily expect. and suppose we have now enough to compleat the Wareham we shall now move with expedition send for the Capt & Ship a Crew & dispatch her immediately -

Wm Tilly & Co

To T Dickason & Co

1 mo 10. 1800

We wrote you on the 30th ult wh by with duplicate went via NY & advised of again drawing upon you of that date in favour of J Hicks at 60 days sight for £1800 in three setts 5. 6 & 700 £ on acct of BR we have now about 200 Tons Oil purchasd for them & 150 stowed that we hope the Wareham will be off in two or 3 weeks if the weather continues mild - we request your

care of the Lord to forward to BR we hope the Ann has is already arrived. having said on the 26th 11mo— The Minerva said also for Liverpool 1st of last month — the Hunter not yet in nor do we hear of the arrivial of the Sarah or Commerce —

Weare &c

Joseph Taylor 1mo 10 1800

We did not intend to have any further sum insured upon the Sh Ann than the 10000 upon the open policy when our Wh left boston if thou will send us the form of thy notes we will sign & send them for the premium — we have lately purchased the Sh Wareham J Gwinn now master for abt 240 Tons burthen being 180 tea voy only since new for 10000$ for BNorth & expect to compleat her loading next week & hope she will sail the week following for MR if insurance can now be effected on her a 8 p Ct at & from this port beginning this day to MR please have 10000$ upon the Ship & 1000$ on fr — we shall be glad to hear from thee by return of post & send &c

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Arnold Wells Jun 1mo 10 1800

Having observed the premium to have lately lowered in York we conclude a risk similar to the Anns may now be effected in Boston at 8 p Ct If that premium will be satisfactory we wish to have 25000$ insured upon a Cargo of oil in Sh Wareham J Gwinn master at & from this port to MR beginning the risk this day with the same liberty to restrict the

London as in the policy upon the Ann Cargo — The ship is a very good ship being only one voyage which we have lately bought at 10000$ about 240 to burthen has now 150 Ts oil on board will probably be loaded the next week & we hope will sail the week following — shall be obliged by thy reply next post &c &c

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To William May. 1 mo 17. 1800

Since we wrote thee on settling thy account we find thou C. us for Order to J C $500 the Order we paid was 467.59 of course we still owe the $32.41 and S Rodman sending a note of thine 10 mo 30 1798 for $44.33 supposed thou would wish to have it taken up and we have therefore paid him & now inclose it to thee with our Order on J Barker for $14.44 the balance & 36 p wharfage which if proves right please to note accordingly — We are &c

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To P Barney 1 mo 17. 1800

Thine with 24 Cask Oil & Packet came this morning & proves according to Invoice amounting with Charges to $1108.6 & have paid S R & now inclose thy Note to Doggett Principal & Interest $322 we also endorse to thee Peter Odell Note to S R balance due 465.10 balance now due thee 320.96 & as we expect to have in a short time some money in the Bank shall give thee a Check therefor, unless thou wants it before in that case we will send it to thee — We think the Ship will not take all the Oil now on the wharf, of course do not at present wish to buy any more — We are &c

To P Pollard 1 mo 16. 1800

The oil thou rent us came out right say 8 Casks 1122 Gallons 4. 3. 19½ a £40 $593.65 In payment for which we inclose thee thy Note to J Howland 511. 25 62.40 due thee which

balance is endorsed on thy Note to S Rodman amo' with Interest to $547.50 leaving due thereon $465.10 which having settled with Samuel we have sent it endorsed to P Barney in payment to him which thou will please to pay Peter We have now more Oil than we think the Ship can take & are glad to find thou art like to do so well with thine as mentioned in thy letter to S R

We are &c

18th

P Barney in addition the foregoing our to him

We now inclose thee our check on N Bank for $39.97 and $270 in B Bills with our order on J B for 10-99 is in full for the 24 Ca of Sp Oil p Packet — If free from error please acknowledge the rec'

We —

To Arnold Wells Jun'

1 mo 12 1800

Thy obliging favour of 16 inclosing a Policy upon the Cargo upon Ship Wareham for $25,000 is rec'd this day and the Note for the Premium p policy & Stamps $2002.75 is now inclos'd When we made the Insurance upon the Ann the property was noticed as belonging to our WR brother BR & until receiving to the Copy of our last supposed we had also repeated it, but on comparing the Policies we find his name is not mention'd in Either, & our WR thinks thee informed him it was not necessary but least he neglected the enquiry, as the whole property of both Ships & Cargo's are BR's if it is any way essential that his name should be inserted, we beg thy information & we will send the Policies to have the addition, we know it is not necessary in New York,

We will thank thee for this information and are with great

respect &c

To J Taylor

1 mo 12 1800

Thy esteemed favour of 16 inst inclosing the Policy upon the Anns Cargo, & also one on Ship Wareham & Freight came to hand this day and are obliged by thy attention thereto, the notes for those two Premiums we have signed & now inclose them — The Policy for $19000 on the Ann & Freight we think remains in the Office, if thou will send it with a note for the Premium which we think we have not given we will also sign it & return it to thee

We are &

To Jno Sears

1 mo 20. 1800

Thy Letter 11 inst. inclosing debenture Certif-icate for $28.77 we duly received — We now inclose R Delano's draft on S & D Bayneas for $600. which we wish thee would receive & forward to us in U S B Bills by Post remembering to cut the Bills & forward by seperate mails 1 week apart — Bills of the N Banks particularly Boston we shall prefer — Please to deduct thy Commision from what thou receives — We are &

Moses Seices

1 mo 22. 1799

Thy fav of 16 we duly rec'd w^th the 2 notes inclosed for thy attention thereto please accept our thanks the one taken in our name we now return which we shall be further obliged by thy collecting & placing to the C & our Acc^t — The bearer J Westgatte will present our check for $5000 w^ch he is to bring here for us & will not receive it from the bank untill he is just leaving town $4000 we with in gold put in 2 Bags $2000 & seals the other $1000 we shall be glad in Sm B Bills 5 D & under w^ch please seal — We forward our B Book on w^ch please make the necessary entries —

By thy attention thou'll oblige &

We inclose the Check which please pay J W

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1 mo 23. 1800

To Joseph Taylor

Thine of 21st Inst inclosing the Policy we requested the Note therefor we now forward with our thanks for thy attentions therein — We are thy very respectfully thy obliged Friends

William Rotch Junr & Co

To J Clibborn & English

1 mo 22. 1800

Your favour of 25 reached us last week, & we have duly attended to the contents, there are at present no Ships here but what are soon going to sea, at Nantucket there are many Ships laying by, but they are so conversant with N York that we doubt their Consenting for a Ship to go to Wilmington unless on better terms than may be had there, some have from this port had 12/ & 13/. for Naval Stores from N York but whether a Ship could be engaged for that we are doubtful

Should you fix the price and you would be willing to give & wish us to engage one you may rely upon our doing the best in our power for your Interest — Whale Oil is a scarce article in the Country & very little expected next season it is now $100 ₰ Ton in Boston, there is considerable quantities of Strained Spermaceti Oil in the place & Nantucket which is held at $120 While Oil on its bottoms is $133.33 ₰ purchasers at that for the latter, we have not given more for about 500 Tons we have lately purchas'd upon an Order from England, but it is difficult commanding it at that, perhaps 100 Tons might be purchased at $150 & we suppose 200 Tons of Strained at $120 — Could you inform us the business you wanted a Ship Master for we have no doubt we could recommend one that would prove acceptable but we do not think you can make any material saving in taking a Crew from this way at present as $20 is now given here and at Nantucket

but should you engage a Captain here, he would attend to your order in that respect — We are &c

To John Robenson Jr. 1 mo 24. 1806

Thine of 21 we have rec'd & M S has duly forwarded us thy notes to ourselves & T Roteh — We do not think there is more than 25 Tons of W Oil in Town & that in such hands that they hold it in expectation of a high price in the Spring knowing the Country is much drained of it J Howland & ourselves have the principal part that is here, we have not sold under $80 & last fetch'd for 20 Tons $88 ₱ Ton, it stands in Boston at $100 It will not do to Ship it to any part of England as it is there subject to the duty of £24 £19 & odds generally from £27 to £32 to Ireland frequently does very well for it, paying about 21/ ₱ Ton duty, the market was over done last year but we have not heard of any being Ship'd this season — we have not time to consult J H but if this information ~~enclosed~~ inclines thee to purchase we will willingly render thee any assistance in our power, or thy Cousin J H will have the better opportunity between us and Howland — We are &c

Richard Blaw 1 mo 24 · 1806

We wrote thee on 2d Inst p J Whippey & inclosed J Mitchel's J'on his sam for $224 since which we have rec'd by post $200 which on application to the owner & master of the Trial they have agreed to accept in full payment for the passages & which we think is also too much but as they have allowed us to deduct $9-33 we advanced the old man we with thee to Cancel the bill & deliver it to the old man Jett & if any any one has ₱ thee the balance due thereon

372 Should thou find any sale for the Duck for which thou can obtain undoubted bills of Exchange on London at such rate as to net us there 81/ $18 or more thou art at liberty to sell it in which case please forward the bills for M.p.d endorsed to Thos Dickason & Co London for our acct —

That will if the course of Exchange continues low enable thee to make a discount upon the Duck from $18 which is lower than we can afford it at — We are very sorry to find the melancholy exit to Capt Churchill of the Ship Hunter of this port we take the liberty to inclose thee a Duplicate of a part of a letter our M.r J. rec.d from his brother mentioning thou will see several parcels sent to him in Capt Churchills care we have added at the foot what the books wrote to the Men are by which they may be ascertained we solicit thy enquiry of the carriage of that ship & if they are found & he is willing to deliver them to thee thy care in forwarding them either direct to this place or to our mutual frd I Huchs Esq will very much oblige — should any expence attend we will remit it — We are &

Thomas Dickason & Co
P Wareham

1 mo 25 1799

We have already written you under this date in reply to your several favrs & other particular parts of our business - On further consideration of the future employment of the Lydia we have concluded to suggest to you our plan & if it accords with your interest to promote it we shall be particularly obliged — We had determined to send the Ship to London with a view of having her coppered & returned here to pursue the Fishery again but from the great quantity of Sh Oil expected by the American Ships in the course of this season & the very discouraging Accts your letter conveys

of the prospects of sale on your side induces a
choice for the present to abandon the fishery
& seek some other business — The American ships
that have recently returned from the Batavia have
made very good voyages & as our ship is now in
very good order sails well & will after being coppered
be very suffiment for such a voyage — we have
proposed the matter to Cap^n Smith & find it very
agreable to him & we feel desirous of executing such
a voyage — The next question is how the funds for
so large an amount are to be provided — we wish
her not to go with less than £5000 on board her
we have now upwards of 107 Jns Sp Dll & that
we hope will produce us in London nearly
the sum wanted as we have good encouragement
of filling her up in N York ~~with £ to~~ rely
upon her £ to put her in necessary order for
such a voyage & we hope leave a few hundred
pounds and our AB who goes in the ship to
N York is provided to remit you 1000 or 1200 £
These are all our present reasons — Should the
ship arrive safe in London & our MR^s brother BR
be still in England we request you will consult
with him & if you both approve our plan & you
are willing still to assist us with a C^r for
the residue of her cargo we request you will have
her coppered and put in sufficient order & procure
& ship in her 45000 £ in Sp^s & dispatch her with
all possable speed having the whole cargo
covered & not less than two thousand pounds
upon the ship against all risks at & fm London
to Batavia — we shall prefer having the Insurance
back done there — and you may rely
upon our making the remittance as
speedily as you may desire — we shall
be anxious on the Ships arrival to hear
of your decision — & remain &c

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1 mo 28. 1800 —

Isaac Hicks

Thy several favs 30th Ult. 9. 10 & 14 Ins are all duly to hand — The latter mentioning thy Dft in favr Rivers for $387.16 which will meet due honour on its appearance. We forwarded a few dys since R Rivers order for $250 to be plased to our Cr which sum we shall retain in settlement of the above Dft — We shall be pleased to hear if thou art in Cash for Thos Delano on acct of Lumber from whom we were to receive $700 to our Cr on thy Books — Thy a/C with Invs of 21st & 28th inst have been examined & the latter duly plased to thy Cr as will appear from thy acct Cur rendered & there inclosed the balance agreeing with thine except $200 and of H Hs note lodged in our hands for collection does not appear on our books — We also inclose a copy of a former a/C in balancing of which we suppose an error of 20/ Curry was made — if thou will please to compare it with thy books & after examination inform us accordingly —

We hope succss will attend thy collections of the Insurance upon the Eliza and be able to compleat them in such a manner as the object of insurance will not be frustrated —

As the Ship for which the beef & pork ordered was wanted will sail in a few dys thou need not be at any extra expence in getting it forward but when a suitable safe conveyance presents it may be shipd having borrowed some which will not be wanted 'till Spring — —

Isaac Hicks 2 mo 7. 1800

We wrote thee by Capt Fish & have no thine of 30th Ult we have this day drawn upon thee in favr Z Kelly for $286 — On recpt of this should the Pork ordered not be purchasd please omit sending it otherwise it may come forward with the beef which please receive & not the for Capt Tabor whose to sail in a few dys — We am we have also drawn on thee for $58.30 favr C & H Hoxie

We have wrote the several
times lately informing of our progress in loading
the Warehaun she is now filled with about 204 Jons
Sp Oil mostly on the bottoms & abt 20 m WB & 6 m BB
Staves and such Coaleing materials & stores as we
thought best to provide here could do it — We
early ordered Beef & Pork for NZ for her future voyage
but it has not arrived and we have borrowed
of S Rodman some of which we shall have but at the
supposed price & regulate any difference accordingly
hereafter — We have not been able until this
winter to settle our Stocks in the Candle works
by which those last Cr for thy proportion
of profits for No 10 remains Oil sent to Charleston
& a little to NYork the former sold but neither
payment or Sales being rendered those parcels
must hereafter come to respective Cr which
together we hope will amount to $2400 & of the
candles we are short in collection about $1000
on thy Acc but hope to realize the most in the
Spring — Shall are not left out of thy Cr we each
drew out our proportion of Oils for European
shipment charged a £55 this occasioned our selling
6 Jons to St Dean to make up thy % but for this
we have not rec payment he having been very
ill and his matters quite deranged, but we are
in a way for settlement & we do not contemplate
any loss unless that of Interest we were large
Cr to him about $2000 — besides thine —

We think best to inclose the copy of our letter
to T D & C of 4 mo last by which those may see
what were our expectations relative to the
Voyage to India for our Ship Lydia we are
well satisfied with our Frd kindness in aiding
our plan & they have not hinted to us any unea-
sinesses respecting our delay of payment we contemplated
when the whole of the first invoice of Oil stood
to thy Acc that in our purchases to load the ann
taking into view 4 p of our Wh Oil of 66 Jo bought
a $60 & sold a $80 not due until the 4 mo next

376 which stands to the Sh Cr with the remittance we made to Duhaven we are in sufficient advance for the to Dis enough with them to make up ¾ of their Dr to our said Ships voyage but we find the outfit of the voyage has used us all but pt & a little more & they have made some other arrangments by which we suppose we now owe them 3000£ to compleat the 3/4 we expected to replace them that sum thou will find to thy Cr in thy acct & request thou will have it discound & place to our Cr about the time our bills to Hll for 1500£ falls due & should thou find them many an acct of any delay of the other half please to let us know it — That ship tho successfull in the voyage she made after we bought he of the old company — yet she was so run out as to sails rigging & spars it took nearly $10000 to fit her for whaling & last spring in expences here & at Ny with Insurance upon the 10th voyage & to London there will be very little left perhaps upon finel close 1000 or 1200 Dll — But we contemplate if she makes this voyage safe she will leave us a handsome profit — Our Ship Barclay we have sent out upon a Sealing voyage only with 25 men & from thence bound to Canton where by our last accts Skins were demanded at $2 if she can procure 50 or 60000 & they sell that price she will do well — We have insured upon her until her arrival at Canton at 15 pC & thence the Insurance home will not exceed 10 pC brother IR still holds his quarter tho' he seems yet inclined to move into the Country — I note thy remarks on our oil turning out so well in London it was all guaged by Gunter & 282½ Gs were pumpd out here tho' it did not appear in the invoice by omission the Island guage is chiefly by the rod & will not turn out so well what we have purchased for this has been mostly by Gunter which several are endeavouring to Mateish there which cant yet be made

universal we have endeavoured to restrict the
the purchase of the Gunter quay only on Acc[t] but we
found the competitors would not hesitate, that in a
few instances we have been under necessity to take
it — But we hope it will turn out pretty well
by the continual shrinking of the present cargo
we have no pumpings to deduct but apprehend
when there is no leakage it will in the spring come
out full — we now inclose thee the Accts Acc[t] which
includes the 1/4 bo[t] of S Rotch WBsons charge thee with
1/4 as the arrived for Whaling at same rate say $5000
which augments her cost to thee with her loading
stores & advance wages to $15500 some few other bills may
be omitted & they father thinks her well worth $16000
as ships now are with us thou will observe that
her actual repairs do not with our com[n] amo[t] $3000
which proves short of our calculation —

Thou knows our usual com[n] for purchasing
& negociating business on foreign Acc[t] is 5 p[r] C[t]
but upon the purchase of these two Cargos on
thy Acc[t] we have charged only 2 1/2 p[r] C[t] in the Invoices
which we shall be contented with should
any failure of thy expectations take place but if they
succeed we have no doubt thou will prefer
making it up to 5 which will be left to thine

we have now orders J R & ourselves for a Cargo for
Enderby at £30 ster[g] which we do not move
upon but write them discouraging for that
we should as usual charge 5 p[r] C[t] for the repairs & on the
ship we also charge 5 which is the worst part
of the business we do but have no desire for
any allowance thereon — upon the whole
we think we have had an eye to thy Interest
in preference to our own believing the object
very interesting & important to thee we have
endeavoured to execute it in a way that will
meet thy approbation we find much difficulty
in obtaining men of the proper description
& fear the Ship who is now all ready will be
detained thereon — we fear we shall not be able to
send the Wareham Acc[t] finished but shall come
as near to a close as we can — By thy A/C thou

378 will see the balance due us is about $
& that balance plaus to the Cr about $4000 that we
are not in Cash for, as mentiond before — But
we hope not to be oblige'd to draw any more
untill payment for the warehouse falls due —
We cant calculate for any thing more very
Speedily from SK as with what thou hast rec'd
in London & has been pd to us is all they have yet
to thy Cr but its probable in the final close a few
more thousands Doll may be expected — Finding
on the closing the accts & thy proportion was not
all covered we have opened a policy here for
$3300 at 8 pC & and at that premium we have
had done on the Warehouse in Boston $39000
on Cargo & & and have also one open here for
$10000 to cover thy whole property if we do not
get it fill'd which we doubt we shall send to
Boston for the residue — This premium is lower
than has before been done in Boston upon armed
Ships — Thou will see by thy Acct when those sums
fall due before which we hope to hear of both
Ships arrival (30th) We have just rec'd by post
Acct arrived & the Halcyon in 35 dys from London
of another very important revolution in
France which we sincerely hope may prove
to the advantage of the cause of humanity
We think the risk considerably abated decreased
by this event, as it increases our hopes that
both our Ships may arrive in Safety —
We have taken of one of the Sailors
H C Black $310 & given him an Order on thee
for £109-15 £ St at 10 dys & We have also given
two of the Seamen Ord on thee for £6.15 each for
$30 we have been obliged to give advance wages
Wm W Dean & Henry of the hand No 1. 2. 3. 4
in the Shipping paper are shipd at $20 pr mo
to continue on wages untill discharged of the
Cargo but if they do not incline to go the Wh Voyage
have liberty to leave the Ship at pleasure to return
home & them to have their wages pd up $30 pr
them to bring them home Wm Dean is to be upon
wages untill he gets home but we advise thy

makeing a bargain with him to finish
the business there, than ar by contract to have
the benifit of what wages thou may get for him
back & he to go whenever thou procures a convey-
-ance we have agreed to allow him reasonable
expences from any port of the US — S Gray goes
of choice to England & is not intitled to any
thing at leaving the Ship unless he should
chuse to return home which is not probable
2nd we yet want one hand it is very
difficult to find men of the proper discription
but no time is yet lost since the Ship was
ready last night having been a hard gale
at NE we are glad she was not out —
we having some Casks set up long since
in two hoops the east side of the river ordered
them shakd to put in the cabbin the river
having been frozen near a week has prevented
getting them but hope it will yet be effected
Brother Th has a large qr of casks made for
the ann & when her Cargo was sold it was
with reserve of the Legs which was required
& Stord charged as thou will see at $1 pr Bl the
price of wood hoopd casks which were taken to
replace them we hope there will be no great
loss upon them we shall endevour to do what
is right & serve thy interest the best in our
power — Several of the old casks for N York proved
bad we have taken 7 of the Legs to replace them
as these casks have been one or twice knockd
down we dare think it best to shake them
& should have some new Bll casks shaken but
from the uncertainty of filling the Ship with oil
would be more advantageous for thy Interest —
The staves by the ann having been all
seasoned we hope thou will be able to make
out from thy own stock of staves than of this Ship
are mostly green — we think not to make
any further movement upon thy plan
untill we hear from thee after the arrival
or fate of the ann as at present nothing more
can be done — except purchasing a few tons
occasionally — Hopeing our movements will meet
thy approbation — we are &c

Thomas Dickason & Co 1 mo 26. 1800

We wrote you on the 10th & in B/ acknowledged the rec' of your esteemed favr of 18 & 25 Sept inclosing the Ship Lydias Ass. Offt & disbursements with her outfit & Cargo of $45000 in Specie also copy of the Policy of Insurance upon our Ships Cargo all which appears satisfactory her expences appear great but we know it is of importance to have a Ship in best order for such a voyage & we hope in the end she may prove profitable to us - altho there is great room to fear her safety on acc of the many cruizers for Isle of France who have recently captured two american Ships in the Bay of Sunda —

Two american Frigats recently Sailed only this month for Batavia to convoy the Ships home but it is probable the Lydia may leave there before they get knowledge thereof — we shall be obliged by your information by the time we may look for her back of the prospect of a market for her Cargo ~~for~~ with you — The deranged state of business on the ~~Cargo~~ continent we fear will discourage our sendings there & shall be pleased with your advice — We have duly examined the Sales of the acc of the Lydia amo to £4567.19.5 & have placed that sum to your Dr & you the balance of the Ships Oft & acc of her Specie also ch £68.16.2 transfer from Cat Smith's acc agreeable to your information — We feel much obliged by your disposition to indulge us with a Cr upon our Ships Cargo - but have heretofore requested some discount with B/ to go to our Cr we now furnish him with our A/C wherein we have Cr him £3000 & discounted w/ him ~~him~~ you - & that sum we have been some time in advance for him upon his two Ships Cargos the Ann & Wareham but we wish it to come

to your Cr at the time the bills fall due
that we drew on his acc upon you in fav of
J Hicks dated 12mo 7 — we are glad to find you
have opened a new acc with us for the Batavian
voyage as it may not be soon in our power
to remit you the whole amo unless you
should urge it — in which case no time should
be lost we have also opend our in conformity
& we wish you as we suppose you have done
to place every thing respecting that Ships fit
& the balance fm Capt Smiths to that acc also
the above £3000 discounted with BR — we
also request you will transfer from our running
acc about £900 which we can very well spare
& we suppose we shall then have a small
balance in your hands to the Cr of our running
acc & we soon hope you will have £1000 from
Liverpool fm R H & D should the Minerva arrive
in safety — This goes by the Ship Warehandlat Gwinn
purchased & loaded with 204 Tons Sp oil for acc of
our BR who we hope will have a safe passage &
reach a good market — payment for this Ship
will fall due in the Spring & when the time
comes we shall by his directions draw upon
you but we hope to hear of her arrival first untill
that payment we shall not have occasion to
draw more than £500 & we hope to suspend
that — 31st The Sarah Moores & Commerce
whitney were not arrived at York on 26th
The Commerce was spoke by the Newhaven
acc 44 W long 65 we fear she has gone to the
W Indias —

We are &c —

1mo 29. 1800

Respected Friend
Thaddeus Mayhew

Thy favr of 28th ult. cover H Deans Sales & A/C came duly to hand. Balance due him $459.3/100 is D. thy acct - we also rec thy draft on thy father for $300 which doubtless will meet due honour - D B's papers shall be forwarded to his Wife after examination agreeable to request 2mo. since writing the forgoing, we have been favd with thine of 17th ult. - Thy acceptance of H Deans draft in our favr we have forwarded to C Howes the payment of which we shall be glad than would accommodate as soon as may be convenient, either from the Balance due H D or our Sales - we are &

To L Barney

1mo 30. 1800

By thy husbands request we have made out $1000 Insurance for him until his arrival at Canton at 15 pr Ct. Greffen Left the balance of his acct. say $1200 to be sent thee when we recvd our last payment for the Skins, we have received it this day & now inclose thee a Check on Nantucket Bank for - - - - - - - $1192.88

finding omitted some blanketing he rend us an acct of that he rec'd 7.12

$1200.00

We are &

To Obed Wyer

1mo 30. 1800

We now send thee our Check on Nantucket Bank for $426.32 the balance due thy Husband - which thou will please to receive - We are &

To J Barney Jr.

1mo 30. 1800

We now inclose thee our Check upon Nant Bank for $320 the amt of our Note which please to receipt Heave with G F Jr. when thou presents the Check - please to deliver the inclosed to Greffens Wife -

We are &

To Ths Folger Jr. 1mo 30. 1800

We have this day received from the Nport Bank 2 bags of Gold sealed for $2000 each as at foot — they have not been opened since they came from the Bank thou will please to be particular in weighing them & placing their amt to our Credit — We send by the first conveyance that we think safe for the money to go Our Checks to W Moors $2300 — J B Jr. 320 — $2620

G Barneys Wife 1192.88 O Wyers Wife $ 426.32 — — 1619.20

$4239.20

& to make up the sum to our Cr we shall add as at foot & also name the conveyance by which we shall send this money to thee — thy attention & care therein will oblige thy frds. J R Stans Order on Gardner & Mitchell for $300 —

To William Moors 2mo 1. 1800

We have been greatly obliged by thy kind Loan of $1500 to W May & $800 to J Barker. by this conveyance if it appears safe we shall send it to the Bank in Gold & now inclose thee our Check therefor say $2300 — We hope it has not proved any inconvenience to thee — We are &

To James Andrews 2mo 1. 1800

Annexed is Invoice of 70 Boxes Candles which please to dispose of to the best advantage — By this time we suppose the Balance of our acct as p Settlement has become due, & if convenient we request thou would place to our Cr at the Bank next week $1000 — We are &

To Samuel Eliot 2mo 1. 1800

We regret that we have so often to request thy excuse for our repeated neglects, & that thereby we have caused thee so much trouble — We now add the bill of the Oil with the omitted Charge amts to 22.33 which to case thee of further care may be paid to P R D to our Cr if equally convenient, we shall reserve the 40 G. of best Oil for the Spring & also 30 more for thy frds — it will then come at the same price 65/100 & we do not wish thee to pay for thine until received — We are &

384 Chas Sam & Geo Enoerby 1 mo 24. 1800

Your esteemed favr of Sep
did not reach us untill a few dys since, the
contents of which are duly noted & whenever
it may be in our power to serve your Interest
we shall gladly do it — Notwithstanding great
and unusual quantity of Sh ail have been brt
into this market the last 12mo yet so vigilent
have the manufactors at Sam been that they
have monopolized the most of it & have so rackd
it rendered us unfit for the British market
of that kind large quantitys we think must
lay over the summer — a few ships are expected
in the spring at this port & at the Island before
their arrival its probable we shall hear
again from you & shall endeavour to do the
best for your interest — We have had the
constant orders at your limits this season
& have purchased all we could at them
from this place we see no prospect of
pursuing your plan of dividing the risk
in several bottoms to effect it, it must be
reshipd to Boston or N York which we think
will not be agreeable to you — The Insurance
in this country is much fallen we have
now had it done to G Britain a 8 pC all risks
The great commercial embarrassments
in Europe has made a great change in
the course of exc of late — from having been
very plenty & cheap from 9 a 12 pC dis — londn bills
bills are fm 3 pC dis to par — at N Y & Phia
which is much in favr of purchasers —
Should we see any prospects of serving your
interest before we hear again fm you, you
may rely upon the best exertion of our
abilitys

We are &c

Joseph Taylor 2mo 4. 1800

The ship Wareham is now ready for sea only waiting a fair wind on closing her cargo we find we are $4000 short insured this sum we wish thee to have insured in the same manner as done upon the policy of the Cargo of the Ann with Liberty to reship coastwise to London at 2½ p℔ Dis addition the property of B Roth thy attention thereto will oblige &c

Does not the late change in France lessen the premium — The Wareham has a R de Equipage —

Wm Gibbons

To Benj.ª Roth 2mo 5. 1800

It is usual & we have paid, one of the Ships hand T Coggshall was sued last evening & having his Order to settle it we have paid $13.20 of the inclosed order & exempt which sum we charge to thee & request thou will see that it is settled in his wages, or Voyage if he goes the W Voyage we have also to add to the Ships acct the only Cabin Stove we could find in Town, being unwilling she should go without something to dry the Sailors Clothing. We also this day draw another order on thee in favr F W.m Quarter for £6.15 Lg C.y thy acct $30 — we direct to thee by Capt Gwinn a bundle of News papers, much filld with Testimonials of respect to the great Washington — we rejoice to find he has left freedom to his Slaves, tho subject to his wifes retaining them of she chuses until her Death —

Moses Seixas 2mo 5. 1800

We are greatly oblig'd by thy attention to our request by J Westgate & by I W Rupp (apprentice to Caleb Greene) we returned the Saddlebags the next day - The Schooner New Hope of Dennis's Capt Kelly going to Newport we forward thro the B of oil thou requested of which bill at foot & by the price thou will perceive the retailers in town must make great profit — Hopeing it will prove to thy Satisfaction

We are &c

Gibbs & Channing 2mo 6. 1800

We find your Acc stands open on our books & that in 12mo 97 we put on board Mother & Co Acc 61 Gls but the ice preventing his going we sent another Cask p the Narragansett boat & probaly sent you a bill of it on a letter but find it omitted on our books you will oblige us by sending the Acc thereof which is probably to ourd with you if not our letter we suppose was early in 11mo 1800 — Your attention & will oblige

W R & Co

Benj Hadwen &
Wm Slocum 3 2mo 7. 1800

Your fav of 5 Ins is just handed in us and the N Hope Capt Kelly being ready to Sail for Newport to put on board as many of the 30 boxes of Candles as we can compleat this morning having only 23 boxes Ad of the moulds which is the very lowest if you were present the 7 is 8 Cts p box —

We are &

~~John Robinson Jun~~ ~~2mo 8. 1800~~

Francis Sabor Macy 2mo 8 1800.

We now send thee the state of our a/c with thee as also with of our W.P. the balance due from him $629-00 is placed to thy C with us & by the a/c settled 1mo 1st the balance due thee is $1016.53 this sum we supposed thou would finally order to the C.o of De Banque Au.x who without it stand indebted to us upwards of $1600— as Cap.n Moody is authorized to settle their business we want to close their Au.x & wish soon to know thy determination to govern our settlement w.th De Banque— We are &c —

Joseph Taylor 2mo 13. 1800

We are obliged by thy attention to our request & have rec.d the policy upon the Warham which is satisfactory that ship went to Sea on the 7th inst we now return our note for $322-10 for the premium our Ship Barclay said on a sealing voyage to the P.Ocean & thence to Canton on 23d 10mo we hear of her passing Cape Horn in abt 27 days please enquire of the writers & let us know their terms to insure from this port to the P.Ocean on a Sealing voyage with liberty to go into any of the Sp Ports in S.th Am.a for recruits & until her arrival at Canton— as we have no letter from Cap.n Barney we do not chuse to warrant her to C.n Sp.h Ports tho we have no doubt of her being there being informed per Nan.y that Cap.n Swain in ship Mars writes 22d inst the Barclay hoped here 3 days since— we with the premium suspended until the risk upon the Barclay terminates— We are &c

Gibbs & Channing 2mo 15 1800

Yours of the 11th we rec'd this morning & we find our books conformable to your a/c except the cash of bill - the price of the oil you had omitted was $200 & the amd in our a/c $465.87 which you will observe leaves a balance in our fav $60.75 which when convenient you may place to our c/c in the bank & then we will balance your a/c & forward it to you — We know of no market in Europe worth your sending the Whalebone to you mention - was it our own for the present hope of an opening for commercial intercourse with France we should still hold it

We are &c

D & C Mitchell 2mo 15. 1800

George Folger

~~Your fav~~

We now send thee by Silas Coleman the other bag of Gold mentioned in our letter of 30th ult containing $2000 which thou will please to weigh & place both to our c/c in our book now inclosed & we shall then obliged by thy indorsing it back to us — when rec'd please inform Wm Moore that his check will be paid —

We are &c

Samuel & Miers Fisher 2mo 15. 1800

Having had the assurance of the secretary that our presenting our for bringing 15 seamen from Bilboa he would allow us $45 each thro' our particular frd L Williams & Co Reps in Congress we request the favour of you to render the a/c amped & when P'd our rec' & should it be attended with no inconvenience

to you to procure & send us a check on the Bank in Boston for the Amo it will much oblige us — Wearc &c

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Wm & Geo Dean 2mo 15 1800

We have this day recd your fav of 13 respecting J Scobie note we have made our calculation upon recg the money at that time — But on his paying the Dis & leaving a note with the Cashier of the Mk Bank payable to him for our Acct for $2000 with endorsers that will be acceptable at the bank for us to avail ourselves we shall be equally accommodated & shall also be pleased to render him any any service therein that will not asperate to the derangement of our calculations — Wearc &c

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H & J Jonathan Hastings 2mo 13 1800

Thine of 12th is rec with $135 for which thou hast our check inclosed we are obliged by thy care of our B Book & thou by that to have found according to our request last week that I Andrews had made a deposit to our Cr if he has not when all our checks appear we shall be indebted we therefore request before thou offers this that enquiry be made at the Bank & if Andrews has not done it request thou will ask him to pay it (the check) for altho a balance may be to our Cr in the Bank yet some check must remain unpaid & it may prove to our injury — Wearc &c

390 2mo 17. 1800

Peter Roe Dallow

We again ask thy favour in collecting the inclosed note James Scobie 120 dys from no 5 for $4127-25 he has lately requested an accommodation for half the sum for 60 days longer we have agreed if he pays thee at the time ——— $2127. 25
& Bank Dis on $2000 60 dys suppose .. 22. ..
2149. 25

He will accept his note 60 dys for $2000 payable to thee for our Acc with such endorsers as will be satisfactory for us to obtain the money if wanted which he has offered us —

We are sorry to trouble thee with so much attention to the business but hope thou will excuse it as we see no other way of accommodating Scobie — We requested Andrews to deposit to our C $1000 much before last if he has neglected it its probable when all our checks have reached the bank we have a little overdrawn —

We are &c

George Sears

2mo 22. 1800

This day & the preceding week we are favoured with thine & duplicate of 3d Ins inclosing $600 the Amt of Delano Dft on & D Barnes for thy attention hereto we are much obliged Since writing thee we have a letter from Stabler assuring us they will honour Delano Dft for $2000 payable on 1st inst no to aid Delano in the settlement of his matters we have taken the inclosed bill upon them for $988-99 which we request thy care in holding & collecting for our order is D wants the money here we propose to draw upon thee for it to Howland who expects to go for Alexandria next week Should any delay occur in collecting which thou art not in cash for our Acc from Sales we will remit thee in any way thou wishes or thou may

draw upon us we have no reason to anticipate this but as it will be a disappointment to Howard not to have the money we mention this more fully in hopes that will oblige therein but we hope to hear the event before Howland sails please inform us thy charge upon collecting this as also upon the $600 that we may charge Deland — We are sorry to hear business is so dull with you but hope the Spring will revive it we wish to send three more candles when thou finds a sale —

We are &c

Richard Blow
Port Rotaind

2 mo 22 . 1800

Last mail bro us thy favr of the 28 the preceding one three of 24 contents of both are duly noted to the last we hope thou hast ere this rec an answer that payment was sent for Nitubus &c the former covering a Lehis bill on Russell & Sons was duly presented & altho they were disappointed at the &c as Lehis knew one of the owners of the Ship Hunter had near $3000 in his hands & he had wrote to him to supply what was necessary for the Hunters expenses they gave no encouragement they would immediately give in Shuttletons bill on Lehis for the sum not being willing to accept it until they had procured the bill Shuttleton living on the opposite side of our River this occasioned a delay of two or three days they rec'd a letter from Lehis that they had drawn for 1200 more than three & they latterly from the Ship they found nothing had been done to her which caused so many fears in their minds that they this day refused payment & we have handed it to the Notary for protest & intend to forward it by a water conveyance early next week which we expect will reach Nice before this — We hope if any derangement has taken place thou will be able to secure thyself —

We are &c

2mo 24. 1800

To John Robenson Junr

By Mother thou will receive 100 Boxes Spermaceti Candles as p Invoice & bill Lading Inclosed for Acct. Rowland Hazards which we wish safe to hand & are thy respectful Friends WR & Co

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To W Burroughs 2mo 24. 1800

We now send thee by Mother 7 Casks of best Press'd Oil which we hope will find ready sale, & if thou advises it we will send thee a further quantity — we intend sending thee some Candles as soon as thou gives us encouragement — please send us by Mother 10 barrels Tar for our Rope Walk — We are &

To Richard Blow 2mo 26. 1800

Thy letter Covering A Lukis bill on Seth Russell & Sons we duly rec.d and it was with much hesitation they have agreed to honour the Dft, they once refus'd for the large D/s he has made upon them. The unexpected conduct in drawing when he had large property in his hands belonging to one of the Owners. This owner is our Friend H Huttstone who being anxious for the safety of his property will be the bearer of this & we take the liberty of recommending him to thy notice & assistance in the obtaining his Object. if he can succeed in securing his interest he will pay thee the amo.t of the bill sent us. if not S R & S hold themselves answerable to us — The few articles we wrote to thee we had in the Hunter the mate tells us he has brought with him, that thy attention thereto will not be necessary —

Samuel & Miers Fisher 2mo 27. 1800

Your esteemed fav.r of 11 & 12 Inst. are now before us the last rec.d this day covering a check for $2222.22 the amo.t of Shalcrofts D/s on Hollins & Co which you kindly collected for us & for which we feel ourselves much obliged ——

we are glad to find you are not like to suffer by the late failure in your quarter Great indeed we apprehend the embarrassments must be felt in this country from the great derangement in Europe but such is the present state of our business that we are not in a way to be much affected by them — Having purchased a ship for our W Notch loaded her for England on his acct payment for her will fall due at least ab$ $5000 in course of next month we wish to defer drawing as late as we can for his convenience & in hopes of hearing of the arrival of another ship we loaded for him in 1 mo last who being insured in Boston as in case of loss we shall omit drawing & wait the collection from the underwriters — We hope by the time we hear from you again we shall hear her arrival & shall then be able to send you a bill for $10000 & should you still want

Exchange is at par with us & should no & should no material change take place we shall be willing to sell at that —— We hope a ship of ours is ab^t sailing for Liverpool with salt (coarse ordered) will you inform us your prospect of the sale of such a Cargo in the Spring & also what fr^t she could likely obtain to Europe without delay she carries upwards of 2000 bs

We are in want of 100 or 126 Hhds sheet Iron for coin for our Nail factory ab^t 25 by 24 Inches or 52 by 24 & shall be oblig^d by your procuring that quantity to come by the first vessel for this port in the Spring — We conceive that the cannot be too thin as the lighter the better & they are not much exposed & which will not answer —— We are &c

Should you receive the $675 from the Treasury please retain and of the Iron or the whole until you hear again from us ——

Peter Roe Dalton 2 mo 27, 1800

We now inclose Hee a Check on the U S Bank for $2222 22 which we shall be oblig^d by thy placing to our Cr ——

We are &c

394 Richard Blow 3mo 1 1800

Reffering to our letter of 26th
p H Hullerton by a water conveyance we
have now to acknowledge the rec of thine of 5th mo
which reached us 2 days since & the same time Griffin
fallen to mark presented thy bill in his fav for
$896-40 which we pd & also pd Griffin the $220.10
thou requested us to pay when the bill was pd by
P Rogers Sons for which thou has above duplicate
rec & RS hold themselves accountable for the
df altho they expect H H to settle with thee the
amount if he does we can hereafter draw
upon thee for the balance — We now request
thou will act for our interest in the sale of our
duck as it was thy own leaving to thy judgment
when to sell & at what price purchas should
the Minerva return we may want some
Tobacco purchased if it should continue as low
as $3 — We are &c

James Andrews 3mo 1. 1800

The duly rec thine of 15th mo
& the cashier informing us thou hast pd to our
Cr $400 we have calculated as the Sales hardly
warrant upon the sales rendered that the ba of
thy acct upwards of $3200 would be ready for
us & as we are in great want we wish thy
exertion to procure payment we have engaged
Capt Pliest when he goes to Boston (which will next
week) we will make provision in the business
to take up a note Hazard & to him for $1500
on demand we shall be greatly obliged by thy
accommodating him when he calls &
inform us if we may be easy about it

We are &c

Willis & Yardley 3mo 5. 1800

Several of your favs of 12mo last duly came to hand covering a check for 42-86 which with $291-4 Ps us by Bunker has been placed to your Cr

The sales of the oil was satisfactory & we have been endeavouring to forward you about 12 Bbls yet on h^d which we have put into casks 3 under 60 Gls & have now a prospect of shipping it by the Sloop Union Capt Hathaway who we hope will take it in & sail ~~in~~ next week — we also hope it will reach you before the coasters fm Nantucket glut the market — a few days since we gave an order on you in fav R Bines (p J Gilpin) for $78 & have this day given another in fav E Warring at 10 days d^t $455.38 which we request you will honour & place to our Debit — we also propose sending you a few casks best Sp oil p Hathaway

We are &

Benj^a Lincoln Esq^r 3mo 4 1800

We have been anxiously looking for the advertisement for proposals to supply the public Lights with oil for the ensuing season but having seen none we shall be greatly obliged by thy information if any new arrangement has been made for the supply — we are in a situation to supply the Government with the whole quantity & shall be glad to offer on advantageous terms

Capt^n W Haviland has lately requested us to mention to thee he shall be glad to convey the oil to all the eastern lights if it meets thy approbation —

We are &

To H. Miller

3 mo 8, 1806

Through the impediments occasiond by an unusual quantity of Snow, we have had but one mail this week, which reachd us this evening furnishd us with thy favour of the 19th ult. with proposals for the supply of 2400 Galls of Sperm Oil by the same convey. we also recd. our Boston Paper the Centinal dated the 1st & the Gazette 3 inst both of which containd advertizements thereof — this is the first intelligence we have any way recd. of the proposals for this years Supply, which renders it impracticable for our offer of terms to reach thee before the 10th the time which seems limited for thee to be propos'd thereof — We however hope these Circumstances may not preclude us, if our terms would have been eligible could they have arrivd at thy Office at the statid period for receptn

We presume the situation we are placed in will warrent our modifying our proposals, & altho it may not have been usual, we conceive perfectly admissible as the object of the Government is to have the supply upon the lowest terms, and for persons on whose probity they can rely for the faithful fulfilment — We therefore make our first offer, which in case Government has not recd terms more benificial to them, we wish to consider mutually binding of Supplying the 2400 at 60 Cents p Gallon — We are induced to make the second Conditional Offer, from having furnishd ourselves with a plentiful Stock last Year with the flattering hope of disposing of the Quantity to Government — & to prevent disappointment by our having it to lay on hand — we therefore, relying upon thy discretion & candor Offer, provided thou hast recd terms more advantagious than the preceding of 60 Cents p G. to supply the Quantity, at One Cent less p G. than any Offer or offers comprehending the whole Quantity, thou mayst have recd this season — We have no desire to vary the the proposals, unless such variations should meet thy approbation — but ask leave to suggest, whether the delivery of some of the Oil (in case our proposals are accepted) In Casks not exceeding 60 or 70 G. such as the Oil is now in, may not be sufficiently portable

for the convenience of some of the Lights – we conceive Government would thereby make a handsome saveing as the Casks to Contain only 40 Gal.s being of a smaller size than those generally in use must be principally new which may be calculated to absorb at least 8 p^{ct}. and will also require an extension of the time fixed for delivery – For should this Letter and the answer thou mayst favour us with, have as long passages as they last to us, thou will readily see the 15th of next month will have no space for the business to be transacted in – We think it also essential to observe that W R & S K. who are both absent, are Connected with us in the Oil branch of our business, and should either of them, upon seeing the late advertizement, be prompted from the narrow limits prescribed to make proposals, that we do not mean, that any deduction, from what they offer the supply at, should take place but that the foregoing rates of 60 c^{ts} p G^{l}. in the first instance, and from of 1 Cent p G^{l}. deduction from the price offered by any other person, should supercede the Offer of W R & S K. and be binding upon the whole Company in all respects –

3 mo 8 1800

Willis & Yardley

This days mail has brought us yours of 2 mo 24 inclosing us a D^{t} on U States Bank for $801-91 your A/C Cred^{t} is also at hand & which shall be duly entered an – Annexed us is Copy of ours of 6 ins wherein we mention to have drawn on you for $455.38 in fav^{r} E Warrins which letter not being sent we shall retain the D^{t} the one in fav^{r} R Bines for $78 having come before we rec^{d} yours we must request you'll endeavour the same & should the oil not find a market to replace the Cash thereby in your hands shall endeavour to do it some other way –

We are &c

To Peter Roe D'alton 3 mo 11. 1800

Inclosed we hand thee draft of the Bank of the U States on the Branch Bk at Boston for $861.91 the amt of which please to C. our Act. & we are &c

To George Sears 3 mo 11. 1800

We wrote thee under date 22 ult inclosing R Dillanos draft for $988.99 on S & D Byrnes – we have agreeable to our advice thereon this day given W Howland a Draft on thee for $950 at 5 day sight which we shall be obliged by thy honouring when it appears – should it be in want of the money before the expiration of the sight & thou canst with convenience accommodate him we shall be glad thou would

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To John G Ladd New bedford 3 mo 11. 1800

Thy several favours of 5 mo 6 mo 8 & 12 & 28 are all duly to hand & which we think remain unanswered thy Act. is settled on our Books & balance in thy favr. $861.47 to C of New Act. which is agreeable to thy statement – the latter cred Invoice of 150 Bl. flour amt. $133.35 which is to thy C. – we hope thro' the last winter there has been able to close the sales of our goods in thy hands or nearly so – should there be in Cash from their proceeds we should like to have from 10 to 30 Bl. of Flour shipped on the return of the Vessel – please to let the Shipment contain about ¼ of each quantity of fine & Spare & of the best sorts – we shall also be pleased to hear what goods if any – are remaining on hand & the prospect of a further of any articles we have on hand –

We are &

Peter Roe Dalton 3 mo 14. 1800

Thy obliging favr of 7 inst & 10 inst are duly at hand — Inclosed we hand the Ord for Bank of the US States for $675 — which sum please place to our Cr

We are &c

Phillips & Houghton 3 mo 14. 1800

Annexed we hand your Acct Sales of the several Parcels of paper rec'd for your house, the last of which we disposed of last fall & the writing paper nearly ½ remains on hand that the demand with us for this last article we however closed the sales according to the prices you sell at at home — We now inclose you our check on the US Bank Boston for $323-60 being the amt of both sales of the sheathing & writing paper here annexed — At present the demand is very small for sheathing paper, our navigation being all out but as the summer approaches the demand will increase & another shipment would probably meet a pretty ready sale should you again incline to send us more — We are &c

Please to acknowledge the rec of the inclosed Check

Peter Roe Dalton 3 mo 15. 1800

We solicit thy collection of the inclosed Ord dated March 8 Stocking & Craigon J Hussey at 5 days Sight for $634.90 in favr Paul Cuffe made payable to thee for our Acct — It came on by water p Sc Ranger arrived at Westport with a cargo of flour consr Hussey will probably arrive before this reaches thee but we mention this circumstance that if this advice has not reached him the bill may lay a few days —

Isaac Hicks Order on Jos Makepeace for $13.63 inclosed

New Bedford 3 mo 1. 1800

To James Andrews

We duly rec.d thy favour of We are glad to find the probability of thy accommodating Capt. West, we are never fond of having advances made before Collections but as we observe by thy Sales the C.e had long since expired of the greatest amo.t we supposed thou must be in Cash and could not at that moment make any other arrangment — Our Ship Minerva Brightman Sailed from Norfolk for Liverpool on 1st of 12 mo when any Ships arrive frm there we shall be pleased thou'd enquire & inform us if any acct. of her we ordered her to load with Coarse Salt & return to Boston we shall be obliged by thy Opinion relative to the Sale of her Cargo, if it will not sell immediately if we had rather it should go elsewhere, as we have the offer of a freight for her at Philadelphia to Teneriff Hack & cannot have her lay long in Boston — Pleare inform us if Capt. Ewers has returned Capt. Moores is anxious to settle with him, if Thou has his Policy & he should loose his Brig.t by Capture he wishes thee to secure it —

We are &

To Estes Newhall

New Bedford 3 mo 15. 1800

Thy favr. of 27th ult.o came duly to hand with a Bank Bill of $100 inclosed which is to the C.t of thy acct. & the Order on L Pratt for $100 more shall also be duly plaid thereto when paid which is promis'd shortly to be done — We are sorry to observe the dull prospect of a Sale for the Sheetings at $18 perhaps by extendeing the C.t a little to safe hands, thou might be able to effect it however should thee not be able to get more than $17½ & not much prospect of an advnce in the price of this article, we leave it to thy judgment to dispose of them at $17½ — The sales of those thou has already made is satisfactory to us —

We are &

To S U M Fisher — New Bedford 3mo 17, 1800

Wee rec.d your two obliging letters the last covering a Trea.r Drft for $675 and thank you for your attention thereto your former enquiries ~~ofte~~ a Ship for Tenneriff one of our late letters is narrated to you our Ship Minerva if her Cargo of Salt will answer at your market Coarse Liverpool it may be agreeable to ~~you~~ ~~as with your ideas~~ for her to take the fr.t will you favour us with your ideas of the fr.t quality & rate which might govern our conclusion — there is not a Ship here now wanting a p.t — we look for the Minerva Brightman early, she sailed for Liverpool 1.st/12 mo we yet hear nothing for her — as she had only to land Tobacco Head with Salting for her — as she had only to land Tobacco Head with Salt we hope she will be here or in Boston in all this month — We daily expect to hear if the Ship Ann (reperd to in our former letter) arrived safe at Milford when we prepare sending you a bill for £1000 Hg unless you countr Order — We are &c

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To Joseph Taylor — New bedford 3mo 17. 1800

We are very much Obliged by our friend J Burleys information upon the Subject we troubled him with & are sorry to find our Note inclosed in our letter of which the within is Copy has not come to hand but we hope the note may be found & that those had in thy hurry forgot the other part of the letter — We want in thy Policy on the Barclay, liberty to trade altho she carried nothing expressly for the purpose only pretty full supplies of Ship Stores she may be able to spare a few peices of Duck & 3 or 4 bb Tar but this uncertain there are all the articles we have the least expectation of their selling & the Cap will use very precaution that his prudence can suggest — and should he not succeed well in procuring Skins he is well recommended & may try to negociate bills to obtain a few thousand Dollars agreeable to offers made to him on a former voyage — we wish therefore to have that liberty and give thee

by this all that we have reason to expect — As there is no doubt she has passed the C of Bird we hope it will be write lower than was offered our W R J^s when last in town which was 15 16^c till her arrived in Canton — thy information will govern our immediate reply

Wear^d

To Isaac Hicks New Bedford 3 mo 7

The foregoing Letter with H Deans Trunk was left the latter will be forwarded by first conveyance since which we have rec^d thy fav^r of 2^d Inst via Nantucket inclosing thy several orders on G Makepeace of B for $13.63 W Barstow $37.71 & BB & K^o $230.35 all of which will duly appear to thy C^t when rec^d — We with thee to place to our cred^t the amo^t of the Prem^m on $500 of the Insur^s Ordrd to be made by H D upon the S Franklin & inform us the amo^t thereof — Wear^d

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Samuel & Minus Fisher 3 mo 19. 90

Hauga 9^br R Dan L & D

Byrnes Baltimore at 3 dy^s for $1645 & hearing of so many failors in that place we know not who to send it to there & take the liberty of requesting your aid in collecting it either by negociation in your City or sending it to one of your fr^d should it not be honourd it need not be sent back untill you hear from us as the bill is on the risk of the drawer but we have no reason to suspect this as it is only an agency with Byrnes & time of payment being expired they have not informed of any delay — We hope you will excuse our so often troubling you and shall be equally glad if in your way to give us an occasion to render you any like services any expence attending you will please deduct from the amo^t & hold it untill our further notice we yet hear nothing of the Ann

arrival we hope it by the first arrival from England when we propose sending you a bill for £10000 Stg — As Capt Hathway has gone to Liv^l to W^m H^y if he comes back here we wish the sheet Iron sent to come with him or this Navi as Bunker is scarcity & its uncertain when he'll be there

The are &c

Rowland Hazard

3 mo 22. 1800

Ship Jas we duly rec^d this morng

& noted the contents the 200 Boxes of Candles that are still deficient to compleat our contract with the Thee we are apprehensive it will not be in our power to forward by first conveyance our presses having been prevented going on with that dispatch necessary by the severity of the season — we find by a Shipbuilder who went to Charlestown the fore part of last month that your house had compleated the sales of all our Shipments (except a few p^s Ozabrigs) in which case he was to invest it in such articles as would answer to ship & being about to close a contract for a parcel of Cotton, he wished to ascertain the probable amo^t & the probability of his rec^g it when Arnault told him it would be out of his power to answer it at present altho he said his C^r was good at the Bank declined giveing his note to Shepherd to negociate in payment for his purchases alledging he or rather your house had as much paper out as they should be able to take up at the time — Should Shepherd be disappointed in being able to recieve it so as to invest it in some shipment we hope thou will see us made secure out of the Cor fund —

Arnault mentions to have written by every conveyance indeed almost innumerable letters to us & we are sorry to observe some similar fatality must of befalling the whole of them not having rec^d one for this long time from your house — Arnalt

appears to have been disappointed at our not having rec'd payment from those to whom he had written on the subject should it be convenient for thee to pay us anything in Aug by placing it to our C with Hicks will be convenient & an accommodation — Should the Oyranbergs still remain on hand thou advises from Charleston please to send them to us either to W Burroughs Hicks if no more direct conveyance presents —

We are &c

To Rowland Hazard

Hanover 5. 1800

Thy favr of yesterdays past we duly rec'd. since we wrote thee last we have rec'd A/C under cover from Allen Shipherd & all accot Shipm's to your House, except a few pc Fichtenberg, which being too high for your market request thou will reship it back to us, on thy arrival at Charleston. if they are on hand Allen writes us, the Sales were obtained this same difficulty & with positive Assurances that the several Balances would not be paid there soon. The last Sales of Candles Linseed oil &c altho closed 2mo 8. last Appds $1383.32 was wholly deposited of in 1798 - $33 excepted & $142.83 not rec'd. all noted on the Sales - by which we may presume all the rest had been received —

by the annexed Statement thou will see a bala due us of near $1800 - we feel uneasy at this first disappointment hope thou will seek some way to secure us before thou leaves York - we have it not in our power to forward the 50 Boxes Candles have over drawn considerable for any work, but as soon as we can, we intend sending them - Thou must see the awkward situation we are in to augment our debt, at a time we really fear thou will find thyself embarrassed on reaching Charleston, we are very sorry for the event & wish it may prove otherwise — means &c

Sam'l & Miers Fisher June 5. 1800

Your Account for £ 1374.16.6

reach us on 22 via NY — contents we duly note it is not of importance to us that we receive the money for the Bills at the time of our expected payment which we have been able to do as fast as called for & have made considerable progress therein — that we contemplate no if it will prove more convenient to you

Last mail brought us the information of the arrival of Ship Ann in Ireland that we of choice draw the bills as you wish £600 & £400 which we now inclose you — we yet hear nothing of our Ship Minerva Brightman but the first arrival from Liverpool must determine our conclusion of her safety — in those you will hear us advised of the portent of her cargo for a market & the prospect of a freight not doubting you will do right with the bills we leave you to fix them as you would any other safe bills — should you receive payment for the bill on Baltimore please to retain payment for the sheet iron & the little acct you have against us & when convenient send us a check for the Ballance

Please furnish Capt Bunker with what money he may want

Thomas Buchanan & Co Lmo 5. 1800

Since our last by the Warham Capt Gwinn & Dupli via Boston we have been without any of yours esteemed favr until last Post upon obliging fav letter of the 7th Ult of Jan 28 we rec informing of the arrival of the Ann in Ireland — We have been awaiting this event to draw upon you towards the payment of the Warham one half part due we have therefor drawn this day £1000 in two bills £600 & £400 in favr S & M Fisher Phia at 60 dys which we request at Maturity to place to the C of B Rotch — We have some expectation of making up another Cargo for BR this Spring — We are &c

Joseph Taylor 4 mo 10. 1800

We have not been able to find any thing of the letter containing our note for the premium on the Warham duplicate of which letter we sent thee — Thou may rely upon our punctuality in paying the same when due should it never reach thee it is very unaccountable to us that it has been lost as we are clear in our mind it duly went into the Post Office —

Thine of 21st Ult is before us stating that thou can have the Banday insured from N Bedford to the South Sea & Pacific Ocean on a skimming voyage and with liberty to trade at any ports in S America including illicit & contraband trade & from thence to Canton — a 15 P Ct at this premium we are willing to have $8000 insured upon the Ship her outfits & $4500 in Specie on board valuing the Ship & outfits including the Specie at $25000 and we shall request some of our frds to bring the Policy when informed of its being finished — What Prem on fm Batavia to this port unarmed Wm &

To Francis Mayo 4 mo 12. 1800

Annexed we hand thee a State
ment of thy Acc^t with a Balance to thy C^r of $1016.$^{33}/_{100}$
agreeable to acc^t rend^d 1 mo last, on which we have
allowed Interest from the time we rec^d the money
of R Shepherd in 1797 amounting to $167.72 wh^ch makes
the whole amo^t due $1184.25 — Inclosed is our Check
for $582.78 & in Nan^t Paper $536 the Bala $65.47
in all of wh^ch if free from error please acknow
ledge the receipt we are &c

John & Richie 4 mo 15 1800

Thy favr of yesterday is now before
us having heard of our Ships arrival in Ireland
we wish to postpone drawing until we
have Accts of her passage to England in the
interval we shall be obliged by thy mentioning
at what rate thou shall be willing to
purchase we have this day an offer for 90 days
2 p^ct above par — We are &c
John Brightman

James Andrews 4 mo 15 1800

We hear the Minerva
was expecting to sail in all this 2 mo from
Liverpool, her going to Boston we find
is uncertain but should she arrive we
wish thee to forward to J Brightman the
inclosed letter and if thou hears of him
below request it may be sent to him at
once & advise him directly
here to Ship a crew and go on to Phila
with his vessel & take a f^t there which
we are in treaty for we are sorry this
Ships business will is only likely to procure thee trouble
&c

T. J. Hicks 4 mo 17

Thy favr of 7 is duly at hand & we are sorry to observe another failure among the undenom.ⁿ on the E which rem. particularly unpleasant after having made our calculations fm thy Letter to T R that the whole J M H & Co excepted was rec.d & placed to our C.r we now hope no more will take place but that pay.t will shortly be made for the whole have the notes not fallen due if they have why should delay ensue with punctual men does not the Bank oblige them to a due observance of this necessary qualification (Punctuality) – under date of 8 mo 9 thou says "as soon as I am in Cash for T D I will pay $8700 to your C.r if ordered by him but his property being in Linnens they are very dull sale &c"

Our Ship M. Brightman was at L 2 mo 16 & nearly ready to load with Coarse Salt for either Boston or N York which would be determined on his arrival upon the American Coast should he come to NY we shall be obliged by thy informing him it is our request that he proceed immediately for Phila addressing himself to the Hon.ble S & M F who will have our instructions relative thereto we wish him to give us the earliest intelligence of his arrival both by Water & Post his Connections with those of his mates are generally with

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Thos Dickason & Co 4 mo 18. 1800

Confirming the foregoing we have now the pleasure of acknowledging the rec.t of your several esteemed favrs of Nov 26 Dec 26 Jan.y 10 Feb 10 & 24 the contents of which are duly noted and having rec.d your A/C settled up to 8 mo 20 last balance in your favr £408.13 we have conformed thereto and have carried that balance to a new A/C in conformity to the sketch you likewise enclosed

us in which you have C^r for Am^t of the
Lydias cargo for Batavia and the balance of her a/c
where we also charge the W^ps of the oil shipd by her
the W^ps of the Hawes & that by Capt Smiths a/c we also Debit
d^o a/c with Hazard & Hawes 2 bills 750 ℔ 100 L £14.15.5
for Salem £674-8 for R H Duncan £16.3.2 for Delano
& Island to C^r the bill for Weston £220 — these sums
with £1347.5.7 P^d you by B/E and are request to
discount with him £3000 to our C^r leaves us
in Debt about £1500 — But should our business
require we shall avail ourselves of your kindness
and draw about £900 on a/c of the Insuit
Statement leaving the balance due you upon
the Batavian voyage about £2450 & we hope you
will be reimbursed this sum upon the
Lydia may be expected not having heard
from Capt Smith we have reason to think he
escaped the cruisers and we hope in 3 mo^s
more he may be as fortunate as to reach us
in Safety — We shall be obliged by your informing
what was to his C^r for sales of the Cotton as we
shall want it if any accident should befal him
before we can settle his a/c — We hope his
sailing will support the claims for the return
from back but we expect to lower it if a negocia-
tion is entered into by our commissioners — We have
copy of a letter from R Bell upon the subject
of the Lydias oil this complaint is very surprising
to us and we know is wholy unfounded we
never have in any instance suffered any
adulteration in oil that has passed thro our
hands and we never could speak with more
certainty than in the instance of the L— cargo
it never having been removed from about
or on the wharf, it being very cold weather
it was immediatly filled up & the voyage settled
for with the mariners coopered & stowed again
in the Ship and none other was shipd

by him in an invoice marked W of 170 Cs
but what she brought home except one Cs No 64
226 Gals & it was all free from the least adulterat
after it arrived - Nor was a Gal of the Sp or sidement
taken from it and we therefore it suffered no
adulteration on the voyage as we examined it
on arrival & purchased the hand shaw abt
2/5 for Sp ail and gave them £50 Sno for it as
the highest market but it fell before we shipd
it to £42.13.4 or 32 £ Sty at which price we ch
it in the invoice this was also just the case
with the 56 Cs OF marked B being all of the
L- cargo and shipd in the exact state it arriv
from the Fishery the 80 Cs H we purchased of
D Rodman who imported it in his own ship
the Maria & no change of quality was made in
it while here it was of the same cargo he
shipd you p the Minerva Gardner by that
ship A Shepherd also shipd you some of
the same, he also sold A Swain a few Tons
of the same which he sent consigned to Pea
He with ourselves propose taking some depositi
for our workmen which will corborate
this statement — We note you have hono
our bills on us R Rotch £2000 to Rubie 1500
to D Sicks upon the Wareham said which was
2 Mo 7 we again drew in for 3 bills £1800 all
since which we have drawn none except
£1000 advised in preceding — We shall in a
few days draw another of 1000£ to compleat the
payment of the Wareham all to be placed to
RK and and as we see a prospect of again
meeting on his plan we shall soon have
occasion to draw on you therefor —

Samuel & Thos Fisher

4 mo 23 1800

We have not been able to obtain
R Delano's determination relative to his Sf until this
day when we concluded to accept Byrnes payment
for the sum they acknowledge due & at the time when
they have wrote Delano will be the last of this month

altho they had before stated in their a/c that the 4/11 last payment was the 1st of this month he will write them in explanation as by their a/c the sum drawn for was the exact balance of their a/c — You will therefore please receive in your hands the balance of your a/c with us from the 8000 £ & sent you — and also we request if you have any good Lisbon wine you will send us 2 or 3 Casks if none on hand when you receive any as the quality you sent us is superior to what we commonly find in Boston — We have heard of the Minervas arrival & we calculate she sailed in all the 2d month the Capt wrote us for Boston or New York we have order'd him for Boston here to ship a crew & go on to Phia in the latter case when we find what is necessary send on the men — Should she arrive we leave you to dispose of the cargo & procure a fr for her to such port in Europe as you may think best for an Intent London is much more expensive than any other port of course we shall prefer some other or if you can sell her for Six Thousand Dollars we should prefer having her sold & give such a Credit as you may think safe & reasonable — We hope to hear of your rect of the London exchange before we close this & shall be glad to be advised of the course with you & whether the price of Salt Petre continues encouraging

We are &c

John Ritchie

5 mo 1, 1800

Thy favr of yesterday we have rec'd & have heard of the safe arrival of the Ann are in a situation to draw — We are so well satisfied that undoubted bills will advance this spring at least to 5 pCt that we feel reluctance at drawing under that price as we have given thee encouragement we wish to accomodate thee with £1000 at 60 d/s for cash relying upon thy willingness to give us the worth of ours compared to those which have uncertainty

412 attached to them stating that under 3pC
prem^m we would not yet draw presuming
if more is given than will add thereto
as we cannot accomplish the business this
night shall defer sending them until next
mail — We are &c —

Ben Ratch

4 mo 30. 1800

Since the sailing of the Wareham
on the 7^th of 2mo (w^th 20 Tons) we have been without
any of thy fav^rs until in course of the present
month when they several dates fm London 11mo 25
& fm Milford 12mo 16. 17 & 28 & 2mo 4 all which we
duly note & rejoice to hear of the safe arrival of
the Ann after so tedious a passage but are sorry
for the loss of her boats as we fear them will
find it difficult to replace them in her & in the
Wareham, we sent all the Cedar boards we could
find in this country the want of demand have
prevented them being cut — We are pleased to find
our transaction in respect to the Cargo per Ann
met thy approbation we are now daily hoping
to hear of the safe arrival of the Wareham —
We shall do all in our power to promote thy
Interest & move therein as fast as possible
at present there is no oil here except about
80 Tons bl^s p Maria which we have engaged @
8/ for the 2 other Ships are expected here (early)
Jan^y there is but little wrecked they ask for
that £45 but we think when they hear of the Londn
Sales of the Rangers Cargo they will take £40 The
Continent is glutted with strained oil & it is sold
at ab^t 50 cent p Gle which is 28. 2. 6 £ 0/9 a little
above thy limits & fm some hints of thine we
think it will do to venture upon it but we think

it will be pretty certain that no other adventure will this any to London — Yet as soon as the qt is reduced within the quantity sufficient for the consumption of this Country it must rise I as few vessels are now out we think this summer must fail will be the only chance of obtaining it within thy limits — we have in prospect another Ship for this of or about 300 tons if we see a probability of loading her I shall have the new Casks made for the am broach'd down & sent filling with Stone wch we hope to get cheaper than last cargo as they are declining — we are much surprised at the complaints of the Lydia's oil as we know it suffered no adulteration I was shipp'd in the exact state it arrived in I we called it good 30 Tons of it was of the Marias it was dark coloured but passed here for merchantable all the rest except 1 cask was brought in the Lydia I that one was very good & upon its bottoming we never have practised the least adulteration I we never had a Cargo we could speak more clear of than the Lydia's as it was never stored or mixed with any other oil'd up out of its own pan waiting the repairs of the Ship which by the uncommon violence of the season retarded an expectation of putting it immediately on board again to establish their faith we are preparing some affidavits to accompany this from the persons who did it that may rely upon it I assert it with confidence that no alteration was made in it after it arrived here none of the Casks were started that were good enough to retain I not a single gallon of the bottoms taken out of it — we cannot conceive that there was the least fault in it & believe that the object must be villainous as the Purchaser of the Wareham has fallen due we have drawn £1000 Sterl a 2 p% prem I expect next week

414 to draw £1000 more for which we are in expectation of obtaining 3/pC & as we hope exchange will still advance am SR will wait a little before we sell to pay him for his Bill but the 5 mo we expect will be most for thy Interest to draw for that purpose

Have J lately rec^d from WG & and made Roth's property of Seal Skins we owe him on ~~property~~ Statement now sent him $ and not knowing where he will want it we have to request if he wishes to have it in London that will pay him & take his bill on us the exchange thou will settle w^th him 5 mo 12 Since the foregoing we have valued on PDC. for thy Acc^t £100 Stg for J Rubie for which we obtain 3/pC. from " to the C. of thy Acc^t which we now inclose with Duplicate of thy preceding A/C forwarded p Wareham also Ships Anns Acc^t of what has come to our knowledge since her departure & we hope no more will appear and " to Dior thy Acc^t

The Cask W N^o 64 226 Gl. in the Lydias Cargo we purchased of J Alder & all the rest say 4 Tons we know to be very pure & white Gl Ore & have not the shadow of a doubt in our minds, but this Cask was the same ~ Thy Jar of 3 mo 10 is just at hand & hope very soon after thou had the satisfaction of seeing the Wareham safely arrive as it was time for her having been out more than a month ~ We are &c

Francis Macy 5 mo 1 1860

As we are about closing the acct with De Barque we note them make a balance due from them to this £138.7.7 That balance will be so contrary to their expectation that we have thought it will be best to take back they acct & charge them with so much less in the Cash pd us 11 mo 17.96 in the sum of $2778.78 as we have never advised them the exact sum but wrote them that had them pd us a sum to be apertained to their Cr with us when that adjusted they acct this we think is clear for them to do as that never ordered us what particular sum to put to their Cr and it may involve us in some difficulty with them if they disputes any part of them or J Coffins acct & in such an event they may delay the payment of the balance of they acct & also say we had not their orders to pay but to recieve all this their power to settle we cannot guess us that right — Do attend to it & send us back they acct in time to close ours & send it by Cat Moore In this case we shall hold ourselves to pay the £138.7.7 with Interest altho our acct are closed in a different way —

Yours &c

John Ritchie 5 mo 3. 99

Agreable to our letter p last mail we now inclose the acct of Exp at 60 days for 1000 £ Stg which with the prem that may inlarge to our Cr in the US B Bank if convenient —

Yours &c

William & Geo Dean 5 mo 6. 1800

Your esteemed favr of 21st ult.
inclosing Elihu Doty's draft on Isaac Howland Jun
for One hundred fifty Dollars came duly to hand
& has met with due honour; we now inclose
yours acct Check for same and an Branch Bank
Boston — we are your affectionate friends

5 mo 8. 1800

To T & M Fisher

Since ours of 23 ult^o we have rec^d your
Several favours of 15 18 & 25 ult^o and note their contents, we suffer no in-
convenience frm your disappointment in not obtaining the Check for
$1000 — but as your last proposes remitting to our C. at N York we take
the liberty to request you will place it to the C of our mutual Fr. J H
to whom we shall write by the present conveyance, & request him to rem^t
it us by the packet, which we expect he will do, if your remittance should no
reach him before the Packet sails — We have a letter frm Liverpoole 3 mo
when the Minerva was detaind by being sup^d in dock, but we expect, she was
releasd by the 12th & we daily expect her arrival at Boston where our orders
wait her to come here, it is still our intention to dispatch her immediately to
you, unless before her leaving us you should advise to the contrary — we hope
ere this you have rec^d Byrnes Acceptance which please to hold to our C^r
We are &

To Isaac Hicks 5 mo 8. 1800

Thy several favrs of 22. 26 29 & 30 ult^o were all
duly rec^d by Capt T also thy A/C which we have examind & made our books
conformable there to balance in thy favr $1863. 66 to the C^r thy New Acct
we were disappointed in the balance being so large due thee, having calcu-
ted the whole of the Eliza's Insurance to have remaind in thy hands &
accounted with those concerned ourselves for their proportions but J R having
requested the disposition of $2182 80 without our knowledge deranged our
Calculations — J Alden is indebted to us about $1200 which was to be paid
frm the Warrens first fr^t (that is the Char^r to Jamaica) & as he has compleated
the voyage we wish thee to request him to pay the $10 or 1100 & take thy Dep^t
us therefor which shall be duly honourd — which we hope thou will be

able to negociate, fuling our selves unwilling thou should be thus in advance, altho quite contrary to our arrangements — We observe a Charged $100.56 in the A/C being our proportion of Lop on Candles sold John Blagg 11mo 98 rec 18mo having elaps'd this single charge being the only information we had re of the Lop, we were a little surprised supporing ourselves at least entitled to information when the sales of our property were involv'd with failures of this kind — The constant decline of the whale fishery prevents their being ather much Oil or Bone at market at one time at present we know of no whole Bone in this place — S V M Fisher have been disappointed in remitting us $4000 in consequence of the U S Bank refusing to draw on the B at Borton by last evening mail they informed us they would answer our Dfts at sight or place it to our C/C N York & by this convey ance we have requested them to remit the same thro so as to be forwarded us by Cap Tiretturn, should it not arrive timely for that thou canst accommodate us by forwarding $4000 we shall be much oblig'd thereby — Borton Bills if to be procur'd will best suit us Rhode Island, Providence or Nantucket we can negociate also — The Minerva is hourly expected into Borton —

we are &c

John Robinson Jun 5 mo 10. 1800

Thy fav: of yesterday Mail is duly to hand with the Note jointly given by Bowers Thyssen for $1450. 87 at 18 Mo. Credit which is much longer than we expected to have given, but the consideration of your accommodation induced us to accept it — Inclos you have a Bill of the Candles receipted — we also rec'd the form of a proper rec'j ours being erroneous to be signd by the Cashier, which we have done & now return it — we are &c —

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5 mo 8, 1800

To Joseph Hussey

Having still on hand a quantity of Candles we wish to know thy prospect of Sale, & if the 65 Boxes Sent thee last Winter are Sold, as we shall send thee more whenever thou can encourage it — pleare also to say at what price thou can sell straind Oil — We have drawn upon thee in favr M G for 500 $ which pleare accept, & charge our acct and as we observe by thy Sales the last Cr expired last mo, we hope thou art in Cash to accept our Drafts as we are much in want at this time — pleare to forward us next week thy acct Curt as its long since it was settled on our books — we wish thee to procure & Ship us by the Sloop Dreuilla Capt Keen now in Boston 1 or 2000 $ of the best Flax thou can find & let us know if there is like to be a large quantity at your market — We are &c

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To B De Bauque

4 mo 29. 1800

We have been so long baffled in our attempts to close your busines with F M & T C that we have really felt reluctant at attempting to write you before we could effect it F M constantly putting us off, saying he was a Cr to you, but we were never able to obtain his acct untill a few weeks since he sent us his own — T C & various acts of Ship Anns which he balanced by the sum of $ which he placed in our hands 11 mo 17. 96 but ordered it reserved to his Cr until he had ascertained the exact balance due you — It is very unaccountable to us that the Ann has sunk so much money we have no doubt the honesty of those friends but it appears to us that the busines has been conducted without that prudence & economy that is necessary we send a Copy of thier Acct for your inspection by Capt Soves — After accepting the award in S C Case we found the references had made some error which they being willing to rectify they then came forward & taking into view the 2/3 of the debt recovered in Havre which you have Cr for in the Sum of $140,51 which till then we had not disclosed to him, he compromized with us in paying for your Acct

$ 2174,37 paid all the expences we had been at in the action & our Com.
of 2½ p% &c. & we are very happy to find by yours of 11 Dec 98 our settlement
meets your approbation — your several favs of 11 & 17 Dec 98 & 27 Feb & 31
Dec 99 have duly reached us the latter covering Sales of our 44 Cs Sp
Ad by the Federal Gov & your A/C by which we find your C. for the 20
Cs of the Suffolk of which no Sales have reach'd us — we are greatly
disappointed in the loss sustain'd on those shipments but doubt not
you have done every thing in your power for our Interest, we had
contemplated that a scarcity of Ad in France would in so long a time
operated in our fav. but we must be content — we now hand you
our A/C balance in our fav. to the close of the last year $ 2573.50
Capt Hussey had the Acct. against the 2 Ships put to his debit
after the settlement in which you were debited for them you will
note the old balance of W R J Acct originating upon the transactions
relative to the Judith Ad as you have never stated that Hussey has
not allowed it, we suppose he has, if there is any dispute respecting
it we leave the matter wholly with you requesting your friendship
to have it settled to your satisfaction & therein we will comply —

The error of £ 50 you will readily observe by comparing the
Ships Edwards Acct with our A/C the same being transferd too
short & which we did not immediately discover — we sincerely
hope the present negociations will lead to the establishment of peace
& intercourse between our two Countries & shall be pleased to renew our
commercial intercourse whenever that desirable day may arrive & hope
on your finding the prospect promising you will reasonably give us
the state of your market — we expect our Ship Lydia frm Batavia
in about 2 months & hope to sea encouragement to send her to Europe
with her Cargo

420 Thos Dickason & Co 5 mo 13. 1800

Since the forgoing we are without any of yours entitled fav in conformity we are without any of to the preceding we have valued on you for £1000 stg under date 5th Inst to J Ritchie 60 dys which you will please honor when it appears debiting BR thereon — We are hourly looking for arrivals fm London & fm the low course of East winds may expect recent dates fm your side the waters — We are &c

Francis Macy 5 mo 15. 1800

Thy favr of 6th inclosing

the acct came duly to hand leaving a balance due thee of $398.75 which sum we now forward in an Check on Nan Bank for $350 & in bills of same bank $48.75 handed to J Coleman which if all right please acknowledge the rect of —

T Coffin's note for $250 we had lodged in the bank for collection & find on the 7th Inst not having heard but what it was duly pd have presumed to draw for it, which if not the case we will forward thee the money therefor — We are &c

Allen Shepherd 5 mo 23 1800

Thine fm Charleston 20th

is duly at hand by which we are pleased to find thou hast been able to effect a settlement with JB and rect the Balance altho short of our calculation we are glad it is closed — We are indebted to J Rupley nearly that sum — Should he want any money in NY should be glad thou would pay him & take his or on us

for the amt of whatever bal remains in thy hands after paying J— what he may want that he obliged by thy paying to amt Co. W. J Hicks to whom we are also indebted — The shutting up of Symmes hope thou will be able to dispose of on advantageous terms not doubting thou will act as thy best judgement may dictate under existing circumstances of their being dirty or damaged the few ps of Ormabrigs if not sold may be sent to us — we are obliged by thy information of Coffee rather advancing at the European mart & any late intelligence for that Quarter respecting their State for those articles as also for Sugar we shall feel ourselves additionally obliged by a continuance to transmit it to us — We are &c

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James & Parker 5 mo 22. 1800

Inclosed is a letter for Capt R Paddock for Callamont & Boys Phia who have purchased the Brig J Harvey of this former owners in Carolina should Capt P— arrive at your port we wish thou would hand him the inclosed letter requesting him to proceed with said Brig immediately for this port — We are &c

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To J Hicks

5 mo 24. 1800

Thy favr. 14 inst & Capt Jaime duly to hand accompanied by $3500 which also came safe for thy kind attention in forwarding this money we feel ourselves very much oblig'd, & pleased accept our thanks therefor — We are very sorry J Alden cannot accommodate a payment to thee no sooner, however for experience we ought not to be disappointed thereat tho to doubt arrises in our minds of its not being yet due — A Shepherd is expected at Sty shortly from Charleston who has about $2000 in his hands rec'd at said place

for our acct after paying J Hupey what he may want, which we suppose will be about $1000 have directed him to pay the remainder to thee for our acct - from this source we are in hopes of effecting a payment to thee, altho cannot but apprehend, some procrastination will be exp-erted therein for A S non arrival yet we hope it will not finally fail -

W

George Folger Jun

5 mo 24, 1800

Thy fav of 21st is duly at hand with a statement of the standing of our acct at the Bank we were disappointed in finding we had overdrawn but in our negociations with Banks having been informed at the expiration of Bill or notes falling due that they were not paid or were protested, and several Packets passing after Coffins note became due & recieving no information of its fate we presumed to draw therefor, which is the only apology we can offer for such a deviation from an established custom - Fearing some further delay may be experienced in the collection of Coffins note we now inclose $250 - in Bills of your Bank which please to place to our Cr

Wm & Hc

Samuel & Miers Fisher

5 mo 24, 1800

We have now to acknowledge the rec of your obliging favr of 3 & 13 Inst - By Bench we rec the $2000 sent by him & for J Hicks the $3500 you remitted to him, we regret you should send over the same & request you would call on Willis & Yardley to pay you what you stand in advance & for the future Sea with will have our directions therefor - we are much obliged by your attention to

those little matters as also to the Baltimore bill our Wm wrote you from Boston of the arrival of the Minerva she reached this place this day & having a little repairs to her upper works we propose shipping above & hope to get her away in the course of the week - we doubt not from your aid the sale will do better than in Boston or N York & hope the Ship will either sell to our mind or obtain a good fr & if we shall leave you at liberty if the consignment will be too troublesome to you to confide it to such house as you may think best — under your direction you may rest assured whatever may be the event that we shall be satisfied the best has been done —

We are &c

Willis & Yardley 5 mo 24 1800

Your esteemed favr of 3d Mo 3d Inst are duly at hand by the latter we notice you had nearly accomplished the sale of the Whale by Union which we hope you have been able to effect and that we shall shortly receive the Bond by this time we conclude those Bales of the first parcel of Oil has fallen due & Payment rec'd when you are in cash for our acct should Wm Wh call on you for the sum they may wish to the amt of what may be due us when your Market brightens either for the Oil or Candles & you can encourage a Shipment of these

424 articles we shall be pleased by your
advice thereof — We are &c

To Moses Swan 5 mo 28. 1800

Charles Rupell deposited in R Isl
Bank last first month for our acct 4 Kegs of Spanish Dollars
marked R R & C°. N°1, 3000 N°2. $3000 N°3 $1600 & N°4. 700
together $ 8,300. this we have delayed sending for in expectation
of a Conveyance to India & S R having a Ship bound to Manil
we now wish for it & having engaged W Allen the bearer of this to
call for it, & as we enjoin him to wait a promising time to come
round by water & not to remove it until the morning he is to
sail, we shall be additionally obliged by thy suffering him
to take it at such hour as may suit his convenience, altho'
it may be before the bank hours — We are &c

Peter Roe Dalton 5 mo 27. 1800

We have this day drawn
on Joseph Russey in thy favr 5 dys St for $800 which if
we shall be obliged by thy collecting & placing
amt to our in the Bank — We are &c

Joseph Russey 5 mo 27. 1800

We have this day valued
on thee 5 dys St in favr P R Dalton for $800 which
if we shall be obliged by thy honoring when
it appears — We are &c

John Dawes 5 mo 28. 1800

Upon examination Capt C
should think that thy staves are of a quality that
will answer our purpose we shall like to

have them at the price we talkd of yesterday
$30 pm provided it will be agreable to thee to receive
in payment therefor our bill of Exchange $18.50
Capt Allen is a cooper with whose judgement
in culling we shall be satisfied or if thou pref
a person legally authorized to do it that will be
agreable to us — If thou will deliver the Staves at
this place we will put them at $32 pm
agreable to our conversation — We are &c

To J & M Fisher 6 mo 31. 1800

We wrote you on the 24th inst which we have
compleated the repairs upon the Minerva & she is all ready for Sea except a few
of the Hands who we cannot have ready until second Day next but hope
she will sail the First fair wind after that day, we hope unless you can
find a very good Freight for her to Europe, you will be able to sell
her for us, we purchased her 2 years & a half since, then not
quite three years Old, has been kept in good order since & is tight and
strong, as far as we have discovered, 182 Tons measurement but has
twice carried 220 Tons net wt of Sugar & Coffee & we have ourselves
just 204 Tons of Oil into her which occupies more space than most
other articles by the Ton — we hope she will not rise $6000 but unless a
promising pr can be had we had rather sell her at $5000 — we
shall write you again by the Ship & are your affectionate &c

To John G Ladd 6 mo 4. 1800

Thy favour of 8th April we duly rec with Invoice
of 12 Bl Flour, amo 100.49 which is to thy Cr Having a Ship
just arrived from Liverpool with a Cargo of Salt we have shipped by Capt
Rees 1400 Bus (which if he does not dispose of it for Cash before he reaches
Alexandria) we wish thou would receive the same & dispose of it on the
best terms thou can for our Interest — We are in want of some bread
& Flour & shall be glad thou would ship us by the Dreadnaught the ammo
mons Qlty of the best sorts unless Capt Rees should sell the Salt & purcha

the articles herein Ordered in which case the annexed memo: will be omitted being executed — Please to advise us if Sperm Candles would find a Sale with you at 50 Cents or 55 & also if the price of Ruria Duck was reduced a little, it would find a Sale — Please to Pay Jenne & Irish of Alexandria $422.50 on acct Merton Howland of this Town out of the proceeds of the present Shipment of Salt & forward us their receipt when paid — We are &c

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Samuel & Miers Fisher 6 mo 4, 1800

We wrote you by mail an 2d Ult of comfortable to our then conclusion have taken out 1500 Bush Salt put in a new Bowsprit & the Minerva hauld off this morning waiting a wind for Phila Capt Brightman will hand you this, who has our directions to follow your orders, we know a Cargo of Salt cannot make much & we see no other market that will yield more than 60 Cents pr Bus: that a discount upon that we hope will more than compensated by a good Sale or Freight for the Ship — The Minerva is a Ship we purchased about 2½ years ago then 3 years old, with a view of keeping her 2 or 3 years & then selling her, she has proved Strong & a good Sea Boat, has been previous to her last Voyage 2 Voyages to Ruria & turned out her Cargo in good Order — Tho' built at Piscataqua she was well built for that Country & in 1797 was repaired & new Ironed in Hamburg at the expence of about £800 Stg, she is very burthensome & being of Small value compared with first rate Ships does well for business in the present time of such uncertainty, we could have sold her last Fall for $6000 here, we value her at that but unless a good pr can be obtained we had rather sell her for 5000 This is the standing of the Ship with us, & we feel no great solicitude whether she is Sold or Chartered, leaving you at liberty on seeing the Ship and the prospect with you, to do what you may think best for our Interest either to sell her or Charter her for Europe, to the W I we wish her not to go, as she is not Sheathed & we are also averse to it on account of the

general unhealthiness of the Leamer — the Ship Rupell fm this Port has been recently chartered in N.Y to go to Grennock Hack for $2000 ℔ M & we doubt her carrying more than the Minerva — Should she be only chartered out we prefer Liverpool, that she may be upon the spot where she may Load on our own acct but we leave the whole with you & we shall be content with your determination — We have ship'd the Crew for a European Voyage & have put in Beef & Pork & Sail Cloth in preference to having Sails made here for such a Voyage apprehending if sold we may save them out, if she goes out on our acct to any port where the present Scarcity effects the price of bread we wish her to take enough for her whole Voyage of Common Ship Bread, & also for the Cabbin — on hearing her destination we shall follow Brightman with our Orders for his future government if she is not Sold —

Estes Newall 6 mo 7. 1800

Thy fav of 8 ult & 2d Inst are duly at hand the former inclosing $110 & the latter $140 all of which are safe at hand & placed to the C of thy acct thy order on L Prall for $100 rec'd some time since we still have in our hands but conclude it will soon be accommodated of which it likely Lewis informed thee of the probability there of having just returned from your quarter —

We intend sending thee a few more shooting by a Vessel to sail in the course of the coming week for Boston —

We are &

To Arnold Wells Junr Esqr 6 mo 7. 1800

As Capt Smith of the Lydia writes us fm his necessity of taking half his Cargo of Sugar, he expected to have 8 or 10000 Dollars more than his Cargo would amt to, we wish to have the Principles of the Insurance understood between us, before the

vent is known, the policy our MR J. had filled at your Office being the last will only be affected by it. we sent in the Lydia $45,000 & insuring at Providence $25,000 & in your Office $25,000 more making together $50,000 we meant to take the risk of the Premium out ourselves & consequently valued the whole Specie there & Premium back at $50,000 of course what ever part of the $60,000 may not be ship'd in the Lydia we conceive will not be on the risk of your Office should the Property be ship'd in any other vessel we with it may be insured & perhaps another upon the Record to that purpose may be agreable to thee, but should he take bills for the residue we shall expect a return of the Premium — thy reply will oblige thy

&c,

Isaac Hicks

6 mo 7. 1800

Thy two letters of 24 & 29/ult are both duly at hand for thy attention for giveing us the state of the several markets for Sugar & Coffee we feel ourselves obliged we have no further aid of the Lydia but expect Capt Smith will shortly be able to give us a clearing and hiring — we have by the Aid $522-27 by J Deland & shall also charge thy Acct with the money A Shepherd pd to our Ct. when we have ascertaind for him the exact sum for which money we had calculated to pay Shepherd $1000 & as he did not receive any for A should he be in want we wish those would pay him that sum or even 18 or $1900 if he wishes — should there not be a prospect of disposing of the Sheeting immediately we wish those 17 pcs left with thee bro't by for our Acct sent to us by Capt Coffin this trip as we understand they are a little

damaged or dirty in either of which case they will see we think answer our purpose better than to sell them for what they will command in such a situation the Minerva goes for Phia in the morng We are &c

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Joseph Taylor 6 mo 7. 1800

We cannot for the error that has fixed on our mind that the 6 on the premm for the ann Insurance was the same as that at the Incorporated office which was 2 mo you had made an arrangemt to draw at that time to pay the whole had thou explained the matter to our Phia when thou proposed some accomodn the note should not have lain over to this time but we only supposed thou was providing for a future day we hope thou will excuse it in this unintentional neglect — As we have no acct of the Cargo reaching London we suppose it is the custom of the office to wait the termination of that risk we therefore now send the acct of Insurance upon the Ship to Mifford $1712.30 Phia Sub $61.42 leaves $1650.88 in our Check upon the B Bank & if it is not customary to wait we will on being notified remit the other — we shall immediatly sell some exch to answer this demand & when that is done altho it should not be customary we shall pay it — We are &c

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To Benj Robb 6 mo 9. 1800

We wrote thee from Boston & Capt Moore & Duplicate of the Packet via Liverpool advising of Drawing for the payment of 80 Tons of Oil bot of our Selves say 1200 for J Richie 1500 B & Pratt both at 60 days also $410 W & G Dean

at 90 Days the last to take up one of our premium Notes, all at 2½ ℘ ℂ Premium — The other Insurance upon the Ann is now due & we have paid it & as soon as we can negociate more Exchange shall Draw it — no other Advice yet in — We have now the pleasure of receiving thine of 3mo 26 announcing the safe arrival of the Warehouse — hope thy next may inform that the Anns Adl has reached London, & course off the risk of the Underwriters, thes knowledge is necessity to us that we may know what additional premium to Pay, that is if the whole is not reship'd Just on leaving Boston the Ship Franklin arrived in 123 days frm Batavia bringing us a letter frm Smith of our Ship Lydia who arrived there the 14th of 1st mo 92 days frm Ushant to Java head & 35 days frm the Cape of Good Hope & what was very remarkable never tack'd or wore Ship frm 5° N to Java running 73° Lat & 132° Long — Capt Smith being Subject to the new regulations there can only bring half Sugar & half Coffee that he anticipated having Bo 10,000 Dll more than to Load him expected to sail in 20 days frm the 1st of 1mo if so he has been now out 123 days we look daily for him when in Prov & Boston our Mr Gl made Insurance upon her back at 10 ℘ ℂ 37,000 upon one half & a little short upon the other Coffee is now advancing that we hope to make a good voyage, but think its probable we shall reship it immediately to the North of Europe in the Lydia we are now in expectation of advice frm D & C relative to the best markets in Europe having requested it of them in our letter by the Warehan

We have not yet been able to take hold of a Ship to our minds but hope to soon & receive thy instructions relative to the kinds of Lumber wanted we have already provided some staves piled on the Wharf — Inconsequence of the scarcity of Bread in Europe kinds have greatly advanced here, but we expect that it will not long continue —

we shall be glad to know what the whole bone does We are &

Pr T Dickason & Co 6mo 13. 1800

Since the above we wrote you fm Boston
p Capt Moores Duplicate p the Packet Trott, advising of our
four dfts on acct of BR. 2 in favr of A Ritchie dated 16 & 17 ult each
£600 one of 19th in favour BW all at 60 days & on at 90 days favr
W & G Dean for £450. the three first were for payment of upwards
of 80 Tons Oil we have purchased for BR & the latter for payment
towards premium on Ann, on acct of which I have again drawn
this day £500 in favr J Ritchie 60 days which you will please to
honour & place to BR acct Capt Hawes arrived yesterday fm
London, we were disappointed in receiving no letters by him, hoping
daily for the Lydias arrival & wishing for your advice in the dispo-
sal of her Cargo, the price of Coffee is advancing (now 27 Cents)
but Capt Smiths writes us he is permitted to take only half Coffee
& shall take the other half in Sugar — We are &c

To J Hastings 6mo 14. 1800

Thine of 13 is rec'd with Ninety Eight
Dollars for which thou has our Check enclos'd
We are &c

To Abm Gibson 6mo 14. 1800

We are requested by our Friend Jacob
Taber of Napalborough to pay thee $600 for his acct for which
purpose we now inclose thee our Check on the U. S. Bank
Boston for the same — The person by whom the Letter fm Taber
was rec'd being about to return immediately, we shall be obli-
ged by thy forwarding us a receipt for the above sum by the
first Mail, as we wish to improve this opportunity to send it to
Napalborough — We are &c

432 John Ritchie 6 mo 7. 1800

Agreeable to proposition when we last saw thee it was our wishes to sell 7 or 800 £ Stg at 60 days sight on London & shall be obliged by thy acquainting if thy wishes of thyself or thy father to have it & how the course now stands — we could draw £1500 if more agreeable

We are &

To Callmont & Boys 6 mo 10, 1800

Your favour of 15th April 1830 Mess we have duly rec'd each with a letter inclosed for Capt R Paddock of the Brig J Harvey, who put into Nantucket on his passage from Carolina to Europe, there discharged his Cargo of Corn (being much damaged) engaged a Ft for London, which he took a part on board at that place & compleated his loading at this Port from whence he sailed — Capt Paddocks family resides at Nantucket & thinking it Probable he would stop at that place we have taken Copies of your letters with that of his late owners & forwarded the originals to our friend J Barker there, with orders to detain the Brig when she arrives until further Orders from us — the distance between the two places being only 60 Miles our intercourse is frequent — Should we receive any further information of Capt Paddock or the Brig than you have given us we shall transmit you the earliest intelligence — & for further directions you may commit to our care, shall endeavour to pay that attention thereto that the natural and urgency of the case may require — We are &

To James Barker

We wrote thee some days since enclosing a letter frn C & B of Phila to Capt Paddock of the Brig Harvey & since which we have recd the inclosed Letter for Capt P frn J Shaw his late Owner directing him to deliver said to said C & B who are his present owners - since he should arrive at your port we request thou would deliver said letter to Capt P & detain said Vessell at Nantucket (not for her to proceed immediately to his Port as before ordered) until further advice may be received frn us, of whose arrival thou will not fail to transmit us the earliest information - As no benefit will probably result frn its being known of they having such orders in possession it will be best to say nothing about it. C & B inform us they have recd accounts of Capt P sailing from Madeira 25th Ult with a Cargo of Wine for Bombay which intelligence please to communicate to his friends - any information C & B may request we shall be obliged by thy serving them - We are &c

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To John Ritchie

6mo 13. 1800

Thy favr of last Evenings Post we have duly received, altho thy offer of 2 p% is much lower than we expected (having calculated bills would command 2½ p% Cash) we have concluded to forward £500 Stg agreeable to thy proposal, which is now inclosed in our set of three bill on T Dickason & Co - We are &c

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To James Andrews

6mo 24, 1800

We are indebted to Joseph Taylor for Premium on Ship Ann which has fallen due, & are under necessity of requesting thy accommodating us with $1000 to 1500 for that purpose which if consistent with thy convenience we shall be glad thou would pay to J Taylor or our ord towards said Prem & advise us thereof - We are &c

444 Sam'l & Elias Fisher 7 mo 4 1800

Yours two Jn° & 21. & 26th ult

are duly before us and we are well satisfied the Ship & her Cargo are sold and have no doubt but the notes you have taken are good if you do not see to the purchasers the articles returned & see no other prospect speedily for them they may be sent back the Duck we will have at best leave you at liberty to dispose of the whole as your judgement may dictate please send us a Certificate for your office that the duty has been secured on the residue of the Cargo to cancel our bonds have & at Boston — Should Capt Brightman continue in the Ship he will no doubt retain the crew if he should not & the crew choose to return home we shall feel ourselves under necessity in justice to both them on wages & pay their expense but had rather settle with them equitably on the spot for all the disadvantage they have suffered but unless they are averse to sailing from you for & prefer coming home we think it will be to their advantage by gaining higher wages

Walter Wood we should prefer coming home at our expense on his mothers Acc' unless he can have a suitable voyage —

We are &c

To Leonard Crocker

7 mo 9. 1800

Having an opportunity to draw on you we have this day given Abiather Paddleford an Order for the balance due on your Note dated 9 mo 16 last including Prem' & Int. & annexed we hand a statement of our calculation they say for $ 319 — We concluded it would best accommodate you to answer at Taunton induced us to draw now should it not be quite convenient we will make other arrangement to take up the Order

We are

To Joseph Taylor

Jmo 9. 1800

Our Notes for Premium of Insurance
the Cargo of
upon Ship Ann & ~~Freight~~ for $1442.30 and on Ship Harriet
& Freight for $1122.30 falling due 13th & 14th instants to meet the pay-
ment of which we have requested James Andrews to place to our
Credit in thy Office what he may be in Cash for our account
and to cancel the Balance shall make arrangements by a bill
on the Bank or otherwise, as soon as ascertained not having rec.d
any acct. from Andrews if payment is made and to what
amt. we shall be oblig.d by thy information as early as may be
The additional premium on ann's Cargo will be attended
to on termination of the Risk We are &c

To Arnold Wells Jun.

Jmo 9. 1800

Our note for the Premium of Insurance
effected at the F & M I Company's Office upon the Cargo of Ship Ann
from this Port to Milford Haven for $2252.75 falls due 13th instant
having sold W & G Dean of Salem a bill of Exchange some time
since we have their promise for the payment of $2050 to be
endorsed thereon which we hope will be duly attended to by
them and for the balance 202.75 we now inclose thee our
Check upon the Bank — For the additional Premium
from Milford Haven to London we shall make further arrange-
ments after information of its safe arrival has been received
which we conclude will not be long having heard of a part
of its delivery in London — We are &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

Jmo 10. 1800

Having considerable Premium that
falls due the 13th & 14th inst. at J Taylors Office we shall be glad to
have the inclosed note of John Ritchie for $2266.67 Discounted if
agreeable, to meet said payments of which, we shall be much
oblig.d by thy information — We are &c

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Jnno 10. 1800

To Willis & Yardley

Your esteemed favour p Capt Stevens is duly before us and the notice the Npds of the Oil being ready for our Order, since we wrote you under date 5 mo 24. we have plaed in the hands of our friends S & M Fisher, funds sufficient for the purpose we had then calculated to apply a part of what you might be in Cash for from the Oil Sales — we shall therefore be glad if you can accommodate us, in the remittance of the Balance of our acct in a Check from the United States Bank on the Branch Bank at Boston which will much oblige us — Should you not be able to make this arrangement please to remit said Balance to our Credit with Isaac Hicks of New York having more frequent opportunities to draw on that City than Yours — We are &c

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Jnno 10. 1800

To Isaac Hicks

Thine of the 14th ultto is duly to hand with an number of price Currents inclosed for which with other information upon the subject of Coffee Sugar we feel ourselves much oblig'd Please accept our thanks for thy attention thereto altho we have not as yet in our power to announce the Ly[dia]'s safe arrival we hope we shall be able to in a long — A Shipherd's sudden departure while we were absent from home prevented our forwarding an order from herin for the transfer of money paid him thee some time since to our C. we have rec'd information from Capt Hussey from herin that he should place the money he rec'd at Charleston to our C. on thy Books which we conclude will not differ much from $2000 presuming upon its being done we have this day valued on thee for following Sums D R Sons $600 B Tucker $469

W Rupell for $400 G Howland $318.22 which we shall be obliged by thy honouring when they appear — Should W Yard[e] of Phia not succeed in procuring a check on the U.S Bank on the Branch at Boston to remit to us we have requested them to Order said remittance into thy hands for our acct on goe to Bo[n] we conclude will be the amt which we shall be glad thou wou receive & pay to our Cr & Rem[n] &c

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Joseph Taylor 7 mo 12. 1800

Thy fav of is just rec[d] & being disappointed that Andrews had p[d] nothing to any Cr at thy office we now enclose thee our check on the US Bank for the two payments remitted in our last for the payment of which we depend on a note to be discounted should it not be done please to hold the check & not let it be presented until we make other arrangements which we shall attend to on hearing from thee that it is not rec[d]

To Leonard Crocker 7 mo 21. 1800

Your fav[r] 16 Inst is duly at hand the money rec[d] of Putnam was an omition in not being endorsed as it was paid us on seventh day evening after our store was shut is the only reason we can offer therefor — Your statement on the State where a balance is due you of $82,35 is right & we shall request the bearer A Rupell to hand you that sum — We are &

To Isaac Hicks 7 mo 22. 1800

Thy favour of 6 inst is duly at hand from the prospect of Coffee commanding a ready sale at your market has determined us on a shipment which we have done by Capt T who has now onboard 370 Bags Charreban Coffee & 6 Canesters Sugar the Sugar not being in very quick demand we have only sent

as a sample to find its value E India Sugar are 12.50 in Boston
this parcel we believe better than the Calcutta Sugar & the probability
is that not much more will be thrown into the market from the W Indies
until after another Crop comes in renders it more probable for it
to advance than lower in price — The Coffe cost at Batavia 1½
℔ Pikd higher than the Jakatra Coffee which is the kind generally
imported — that previous to selling it, we wish thou would inform
thyself of the quality of it & if it will not Command 18 Cts thou need
not be in harte to sell — Capt Twill keep it onboard 2 Days
in which time if thou can dispose of it considerable expence
may be saved as much wastage by transportation — whoever
the purchasers my be that shall appear we request thou well
select such as are safe & in whose Character punctuality in payment
from a conspicuous trait & such as thou shall consider thy Cam.
thereon safe — Thetis Capt Morgan has arrived at Philadelphia
with a Cargo half of the same sort of Coffee as this & the other half of
Jaketry from which perhaps thou mayest be able to learn in what
proportion of Price they bear to each other — This Parcel is taken out
of the Ship & by the Custom House weight we calculate it will consid-
-able hold over when it is sold we wish it reweighd particularly the
same with the Sugar — Inclosed is a Certificate to entitle it to the
draw back The Canesters that contain the Sugar were estimated
at Batavia at 30 ℔ Each Dutch Wt for which our Officers allow
10 ℔ Ct not knowing what the Custom is we had two of them empty
which weighd 36 to 40 ℔ perhaps you may have a fixd rule therefor —

Benᵃ Rotch

7 mo 18 . 1800

In course of 3 or 4 weeks
several of thy Jad ships have come to hand viz Ids
5 mo 6 which are duly noticed we have
written twice to Salem to know if a ship

can be chartered at 8/ Register tonnage £449
load with lumber to Milford but as yet with-
=out his reply as frt are so high from every part
of America we doubt accomplishing it —
We are glad to inform Thee that the
Lydia arrived on the 15th 5 mo: 43 days fm Batavia
but the company having restricted their
bringing more than half a cargo of coffee
the other half is in Sugar & $12000 returned
in Specie the loss on which interest & insurance
reduce our profits at the present low prices
of Sugars $10 short price the difference between
returning the money & fully loading with
Coffee will be to us little short of $20000
which is more than we shall probably
make on the voyage Smith arrived 7 days
before the Asia & sailed 9 days before her
but she arrived in Delaware on the 13th
three days before the Lydia, she has brought
the same Cargo — Considerable Coffee is damaged
is damaged between decks & we find three of her
lower beams broken perhaps all for want of
being properly stanchioned but one of the beams
broke at the end & is much defective perhaps that
broke first & be the deck working started the
others which might otherwise have stood
Smith appears to have conducted the voyage
E Maddock he says he was in no need of
assistance but was fully competent to the
business — We are now seeking the best market
for the Coffee the first of it in NY is 28 we hope
this will reach it — Sugar is now to low to
offer for sale — We shall speedily determine
the future voyage of the Lydia — We apologize
for the neglect in not mentioning the insurance
on the Wanhams Cargo was made conformable
to the Arm with liberty to retain to London
we therefore have no more done — The
Rebecca with 1000 Bbls fm Chili has recently

150 been taken by the French retaken & arrived at Liverpool (N.S.) Gilbert Russell goes down to claim & we hope to get it — The Franklin will be expected in a month with 150 Tons & should those two Ships arrive we hope to procure them another cargo — but do not yet see a Ship for them but shall be on the look out — Ships are very high we lately sold the Minerva at Phia at $5550 $1000 more than we gave for her two years & a half before

We are &c

James Andrews & Co — 7 mo 29. 1800

By Capt Swett we have shipd to your address 18 Cannisters or Casks of Sugar Batavia pamped invoice with we wish you would dispose of on the best terms — we have examin'd a number of Bales out of the same Cargo & believe it to be of a superior Quality to the Chinese generally you will no doubt inform yourselves of the quality here & the demand it is in before you sell it we have invoic'd it at $13 which price we hope you will be able to obtain being taken from the Ship as goes at the C House wht but when sold we wish it carefully ~~sold~~ weigh'd again as some saveing will probably be made thereby — We have considerable more sugar of the same cargo onboard which we shall ship to that market that promises the most advantagious sales Inclosed we hand thee a Certificate to entitle the sugar to the Drawback on exportation which if sold for that purpose thou will receive in part payment — We are &c

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To Jas Bowen — 8 mo 5. 1800

Thy Jas & Bills with & Co's Hd Stavers are duly Rcvd & Co thy Acct — The Balance due on the note is paid Acct $59.88 to thy Co which a Bala in thy Jas $32.63 & agreeable to thy direct have forwarded the same to Capt Delano — We have sent thee 7 Pcs Ravens Duck ~~Canvas~~ $12 payable in 90 days agreeable to thy Proposal — We are &c

To John Taber

8 mo 5. 1800

Thy favr of 28 duly reached me & thos were my and thine of the 30th mentioning a suitable Ship at my brothers line to annexed to this thou hast copy of all my brothers has written upon the subject and if thou thinks there kind of lumber can be procured at Portland upon as good terms takeing interview the ready charter of the Ship suitably calculated therefor as elsewhere I leave thee at liberty to charter her and procure the Cargo upon the best terms thou canst and let me know what provisions of money will be necessary & when — I dont know of any Cargo that can be procured at Milford in return but in the neighbourhood many Coals are shipd that a Ship may balast with them to go elsewhere in the Charter I suppose it will be as agreeable to be at liberty to land the Lumber on the key alongside of the Ship may lay or in the water as my brothers may choose — From the confidence I have in thy knowledge of the lumber trade I leave the at liberty to use thy Judgement as to filling the Order observing that the articles particularly mentioned may be wanted for hos own use — &c &c

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Thos Gould

8 mo 5. 1800

Thine of 24th ult is duly recd & the contents observed we have a few hundred Gls of the best kind of Sp oil and will furnish the quantity of 300 or 400 Gls at 60 Cts p Gl — We are &c

To Thomas Gould

10 mo 1. 1800

Thine of 9 mo 6 came duly to hand & we avail ourselves of the very first conveyance, & then to send thee a bill below 400 Gall best prsd oil which we hope will prove satisfactory — the amo with pr thou will please to pay Cap Atkin — We are &c

452 Geo Smith & Co 8mo 8 1800

Having recently re
a cargo of very good Sugar & Coffee from
Batavia & the Ship not being in order to
proceed to Europe we have for the
recommendation of your W Adamson
determined upon making a trial of
the Canton market & have made
ship'd for Acct & commission of Sugar &
bags of Coffee to & on board the Ship Delight
Capt Wheldon & this first Invoice inclos
Such of the Sugar as we have seen is of
a very good qlt & of a qlt that the Nation
of Phila are fond of the coffee is called the
best kind & distinguished at Batavia by
the name of Chanbain cost 150 more than
the common sort but the bags were so
watched that we have thought it most
prudent to put them into new linen
those new bgs weigh only 1 lb which in the
sale you will please allow to us deduct
the commission 33 1/3 being allowed in Batavia
30 lb Dutch qls 33 american & we find it agree
with the real weight of them we confide
in your judgment to dispose of this parcel
when you may think best & request your
early advice on its coming to hand to govern
on future shipments of what may then
remain on hand & when sold to draw for
the Ps to our Cr — We expect on 3rd
a Shipped bill of the owners of the Delight
to inclose you bill lading & we request your
early attention to return us duplicate
certificates of the landing to cancel our Obligation
& bond

We are &

To A Shepherd

Ems 8 1800

Thy favr of 2nd inst is now before us and note thy proposition to make a Shipment of Delight for Hamburg which we have determind to do of Coffee & Sugar about 10 Tons each having considerable quantity of these articles on hand and the demand is not brisk just at this time in this country - We have this day shipd onboard Jane Shearman 48 Canesters Sugar 6 Casks 136 New Bags 61 India & 11 of Java Charriban Coffee both of these articles we believe to be of the first quality from Batavia - The Canisters will require to be handled with care tho we hope they are in Shipping order being as good as any of the Cargo the 61 Batavia Be request may be moved very carefully otherwise much Coffee will be wasted which with 136 New bags we hope will be stowed in a part of the Ship that will be likely to carry them free from damage either by leakage or water getting in at the Hatches - Inclosed is memorandum of the above goods with respect to the mode of Freight such we are ingnorant but doubt not thou will inform thyself as respects the Tare on the Packages whether the ft is reckoned on the gross or neet weight we must request thy attention to have three bills of Lading filld & indorse one to G S & Co forward with the goods - Inclosed is a Certificate from the Collector to entitle us to the debenture on exportation which we solicit thy attention to have properly entered at the Custom House and obtain a Certificate from them of the exportation of the goods, to enable us to recd the Drawback at this Office - Please to inform us what the Customary Tare in N York is allowed on Packages Sugar like ours also whether such sacks as the Coffee comes from Batavia in are call'd Bags or Bales as one sort are rated at 2 pCt & the other 6 for Tare - We will furnish thee with same of our Sugar & Coffee at 8 & 9 pCt

454 for the former & 22 p^{ct} for the latter payable in 90 d^{ys} reserving to ourselves the Debenture an exportation considering these the short prices — the Coffee we believe to be equal in q^{lt} to the best green it cost abt Batavia 1½ p^{ct} more than the kind generally imported to America from that place — We are &c —

Isaac Hicks 8 mo 9 1800

Thy fav^{d} of 31 Ult & 2 d^{o} inst are duly rec^{d} & notice their contents we hope for the increasing demand in the E Markets for Sugar & Coffee that we will be able to obtain a good price for the former & our hopes for the latter — we have this day drawn on thee James Brownell for $ 846 which thou'll please honor when it appears we have this morning given W Rupell an Order for 870 wh^{ch} please honor & England 2 p^{r} num^{o} for 2^{d} Tons rice & 2 do Iron which we wish thou would send by the Packet

James Mott Sutton 8 mo 9 1800

Your several fav^{rs} under date 1st & 31 Ult are duly rec^{d} the contents noted In the sales of the salt you we notice you have entered 28777 lbs a 4/6 is cast £h. 10- short — if the q^{ty} is right you will examine to the entries of Coffee Sugar wch it appears are considerably lower for the latter than for Dry

The Asia we believe had two sorts of Coffee in her cargo the cost of wch differed we should be obliged by your further information whether they both sell at the same price if not what they differ — The L^{s} cargo is of the best kind — The sale of the Minerva we are to our satisfaction &c — We have this day given Cap^{t} Bunker an order for $ 200 should he want to pay Cap^{t} Norton a further sum we shall be obliged by y^{r} [illegible]

doing it & charge all to our Acct — Should you be in cash for our Acct further than the above sums Capt S wishes to purchase a Cargo of Corn his order on us for $500 or 600 will be acceptable but we wish you not to do it unless you are in Cash — Yours &c

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To Thaddeus Mayhew

8 mo 14. 1800

Thy favr. 3d inst. we have duly received and notice thou art in funds for our Acct. $300 having an opportunity to draw on your City we have availd ourselves thereof under the present date in favour Weston Howland for that amount which Dft thou will please to honour when it appears — We regret the dull state of your Market for Candles and Oil we hope thou has succeeded in the disposal of the 4 Casks Oil agreeable to expectation, apprehanding much loss by its laying through the warm season, particularly if it neglected which may unavoidably be the case but we hope not we presume no exertion on thy part will be wanting to effect a Sale of both Candles & Oil — We are &

To Isaac Hicks

8 mo 14. 1800

We have drawn on thee under this date for $200 in favr. W Howland & which drfts we shall be oblig'd by thy honouring

We are &

To Joseph Taylor

8 mo 13 1800

Altho our accounts fm London do not mention the Anna Cargo all to have positively arrived at that Port yet we believe it has nearly all safely got round — For the additional premium of 7/ pp 6 Co fm Milford to London we inclose thee our Dft on J & Co $300 and on J & Co $399.75 conformable to the annexed Sketch — the whale Bone Staves & Staves that was included in the Insurance fm here to N Haven am't to $2300 being first deducted — Our note for the premium on $4000 effected at thy Office upon the Cargo of Ship Merchant

for $322.25 having fallen due, the same is included in the above Orders, when rec.d please to cancell the Note therefor — On discharging the Lydias Cargo we find several of her Lower Deck Beams broken which we suppose to have been done in some heavy gales they experienced off C.G.H.; She will go into the Carpenters hands in few days, but whether the expence of repairs that ought to fall upon the Underwriters to pay will amo.t ~~will~~ to an average Charge we cannot yet determine — The Policy at the Office & also at the F & M I Office bearing date both 13th inst on the same risk we leave to you to adjust the additional premium not knowing which was the last done we have remitted for the Premium according to the same Insurance — We are &c

Invoice Whale Bone off Ann - - $1600
Staves - - - 466.55
Stores - - - - - - - - - 87.50
2154.5
Premium 9 p.C - - 193.86
2347.91 say 2300 Dol.s

Insurance effected upon Ships Ann Cargo at F.I Office $16000
Less proportion of the above 2300 - 898
15102
being $25100 covered on same Cargo at F. & M I Office

Additional Premium of 2½ p.C
$15102 fm Milford to London - - - - - - - $377.50

Premium on $1000 effected on S.t Warehams Cargo 6 p.C - - 322.25
699.75

Order on J Hupey $300
D.o on J Andrews &.c 399.75 699.75

To Joseph Hussey 8mo 13. 1800

Thy favr. 27th June 9th inst. have been duly recvd the former covering account Current Balance in our favr. $1132.42 to which we have settled our books in conformity – the latter cantains abt. expence on a small Box Books amo. 4.69/p which is to thy Cr. Having considerable Premium fallen due at your Offices we are under necessity of drawing on thee for $300 in our drft this day to J Taylor, which we shall be oblig'd by thy Honouring – We are &c

To James Andrews & Co. 8mo 13. 1800

We wrote you under date 29th Ulto informing of our having Shipd & Capt West 18 Bux Canesters of Sugar since which we are without any letter from you – Having considerable Premium pay'd of late at your Offices for the cancelling of a little more we are under necessity of drawing on you for that purpose, which we have done this day favour Arnold Wels Junr for $90 & J Taylor $399.71 which we shall be oblig'd your honouring – We are &c

To Arnold Wels Junr 8mo 13. 1800

Altho we have no certain information of safe delivery of the whole of the Ship Ann Cargo in London yet from all rec'd we believe it had nearly all got round & for the additional Prem.m thereon fm N to L amo.t to $590 We have enclosed A W & B Note of the N York Branch for $500 & our Order upon J A & Co for $90.

The amo.t of 11 Bone Staves & Stores that was included in the Ins.ce upon the Anns Cargo not being shipd round to London is deducted before we cast the additional Prem.m & sketch annexed – & the Policies upon the same risk, bearing date 13th Nov both at the Company's Office & that of J Taylors, we therefore leave it with you to arrange the disposition of the Prem.m with which we shall be satisfied –

Insurance at F & M I Office 25000.
Up their proportion of the above 1402 23598 add.l Prem.m of 2½ p.r 6 Cr. on this Sum is $590 $16000 effected by J Taylor upon same Cargo –

We are &c

458 Joseph Anthony & Co 8 mo 19. 1800

Your several favs 18 Dec 10 Jan 31 March all come duly to hand the former covering In Crackers to your Cr the latter inclosing Acct Sales 156 a 8/p which is Dr your Acct We hope ere long you will be able to transmit us further sales of Duck & Encouragement for further shipment of Candles being a long time since the last adjustm of our Acct we shall be obliged by your transmitting us a Copy for your books when we will conform ours accordingly

By Capt Nortons return who sailed for your city a few days since we wish you would send us 8 Bbs best Spring flour for family use — please also send us by same conveyance 1 doz Water Melons for the We many presents we have hitherto rec'd from you in this article we feel much obliged but the Amo of the cost of these we prefer y'r Dr our Acct We are &c

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Joseph Byrnes 8 mo 22. 1800

The absence in the apts to each of us, Acct Sold to Cantor Mc renders dubious — we have heard of two persons of that name from Charlestown in their way to Boston with property sufficient to pay small debts — If they are the same that our Acct was sold to we request that would lose no time in sending us their notes if those have not been taken their notes send us attested Acct with they name of Atty to receive the amo In apts to S Rodman & Co of Lenox Acct

is mentiond to be to thine Dec 31. 1798 459
Amt $69.30 and in acct to WH Co 16 Bp Oil
dated Jan 28. 1799 amt $61 — we shall
be obliged by thy speedy attention to this
request for they are the persons no time
aught to be lost in putting us into
a situation to receive. this &c
We are Thy Friend
Edg Sam Rodman
Wholesale & Co

To James M Hosier

8mo 22. 1800

Thy favr of 18th inst we duly recd this evening
our Terms for 10 Tons W Oil & 20 Tons Spermaceti — of the former we have
none on hands nor is their much in Town the owners of the Ship Rebecca
have some expectation of her coming here. She was Captured & Carried
to some of the eastern English Ports we believe a part of her Cargo is
this kind of Oil — We have not fixd our terms for Spermaceti Oil
not knowing what the market will break at this fall — We however
shall be glad to furnish thee in the fall or winter & doubt not but
terms can be made satisfactory having furnished thee heretofore
we shall be glad of thy future Custom — We are &

Isaac Hicks

9 mo 1. 1800

Thy several favrs of 15th 16 & 18th inst
are duly rec'd — The invoice of Sundries from
amt $78.53 to the Co of thy Acct — Inclosed
we hand thee John Delano's Order in favr
John Mason for ½ Amt of the money rec'd
for Ship Warren's fst please place the
same to our Co Acct & advise us thereof —

We are &

9 mo 3. 1800

Thy favr 29th ult to Capt Fish handed us yesterday
we are obliged by thy disposition to serve us in the transfer
of $1200 Shares had I'd. order inclosed the business will
be properly arranged accordingly — thy acct Stands Dr in the sum
by John Mason on our Book — we are &

460 John Tabor 9 mo 2. 1800

Having this evg rec'd a letter from my brother of 7 mo 20 he desires me to suspend shipping the Cargo of Lumber until sept or Oct. if thou hast not engaged a ship I wish thee to omit it, if any advantage can be made in procuring any part of all the Cargo during the time that will elapse please to attend thereto —

I am &c

Arnold Welles Junr.

9 mo 2. 1800

Please to inform us at what Prem. Ins will be effected, upon the Ships Ann & Wareham both newly copper'd & well fitted, at & from the Port of Milford in Wales to & at the Southern Whale Fishery generally, & back to a market in Europe with liberty to touch at Cork (to join Convoy or for Orders) outwards, & at Milford inwards please also to state the Prem.m for Milford back to the same port only & likewise what additional Prem.m for liberty to stop on their return in the U. S & then to proceed, they were expected to be ready for Sea in the first week of last month the property belonging to B Roth & we &c

An Order to Jered Gardner to Ship for
Acct Wm R Jr & Co from there 3/4 Ship Minerva from [illegible]

100 pcs Ravens Duck first & second quality
last year it came out at 8 Rs & 10 Roubles

50 pcs third quality Sail Cloth } best of the kind
50 pcs fourth Do. Do }

10 pcs fine Bleached flems 20 of them very fine

6 large good Beds with each a Bolster & 2 pillows
Containing 2 pood good feathers

12 pairs good Chitzovens Boots shaft from 7 1/2 to 9 1/2
~~Inches~~ Inches outside

12 pair green Slippers large

20 pcs Drillings } remainder in Russia
Sheetings or flems we had them last year at
13 Rs & 15 Ro the Cheapest kind we prefer

Out of the above order is to come these things for
Joseph Austin

1 pc fine Sheeting white
1 bed containing 2 pood feathers
6 pc Ravens Duck

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1 Dozen large Hemp hose
2 pcs thick Diaper for pattern

An Order to Thomson Peters Bonar & Co of Petersburg to be Ship'd for Acc't & risk of ~~Xpher Rateh~~ &c pr Ship Minerva Jared Gardner Master

10 tons Old Sable Bar Iron
11 D° D° four Square from 1/4 Inches to 3/4 Inch
1 D° D° four or Eight Square abt 1/2 to 3/4 Inch
110 D° New Sable Bar Iron. This kind may be increas'd to 70 or 80 tons if the price does not exceed 180 £ pr paid & it is convenient for the Ship to take it

2 tons best 12 head flax we wish such as is mostly ship'd to England

60 or 70 tons best hemp

100 pcs Sail Cloth, first quality
100 D° D° second D°
100 D° D° third D°
100 D° plains

10 good feather Beds with blue & wht Strip'd twilled Ticks 2 2/3 Archines long & 2 1/3 do wide, each to contain 1 1/2 poods & 20 of them to have each a Bolster & two pillows

1000 good Calf Skins, tanned but not Curried or Blacked